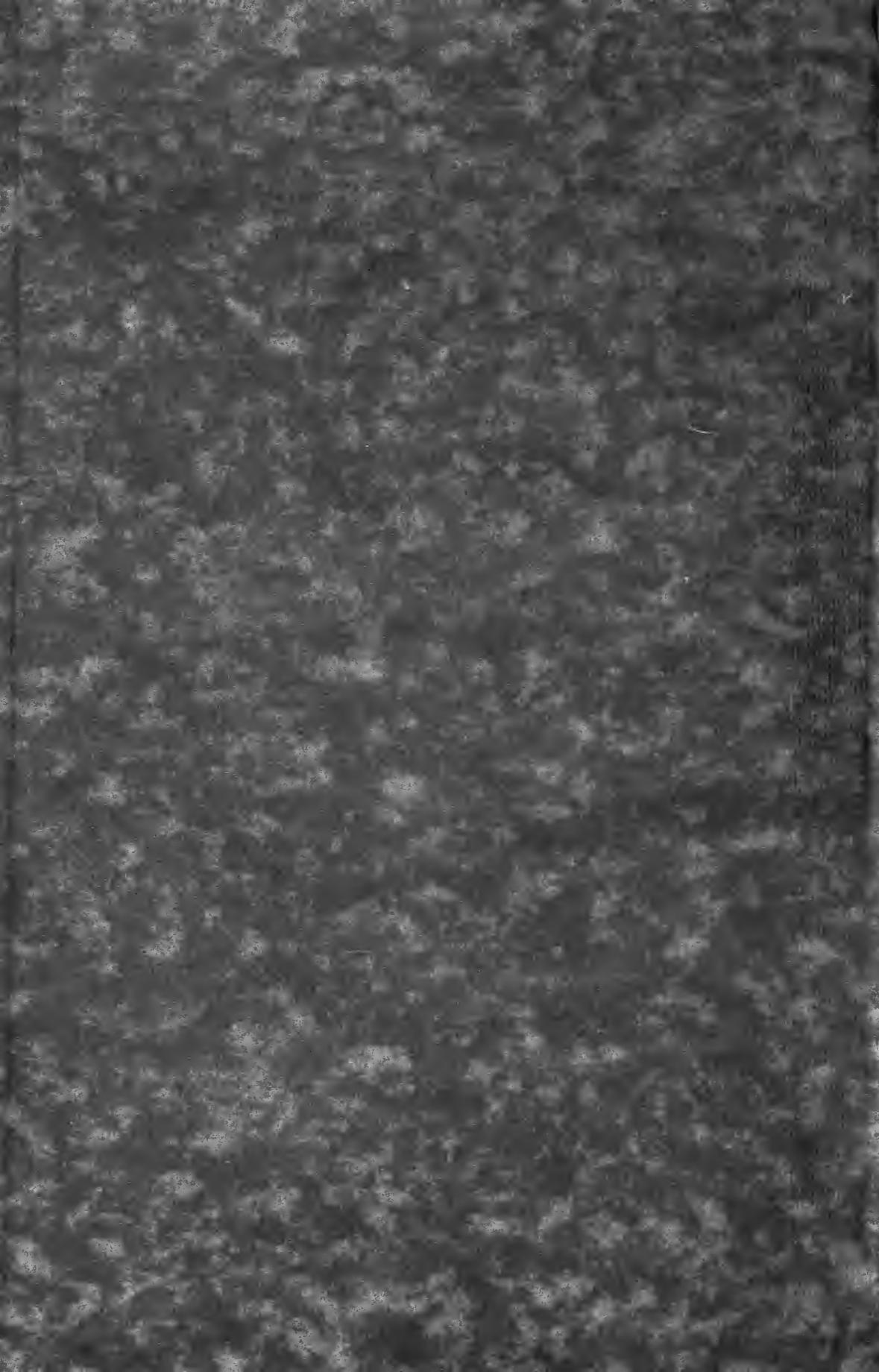


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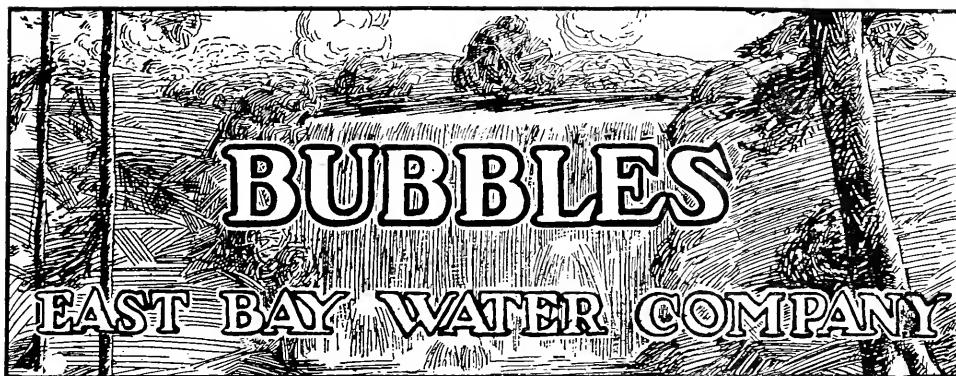
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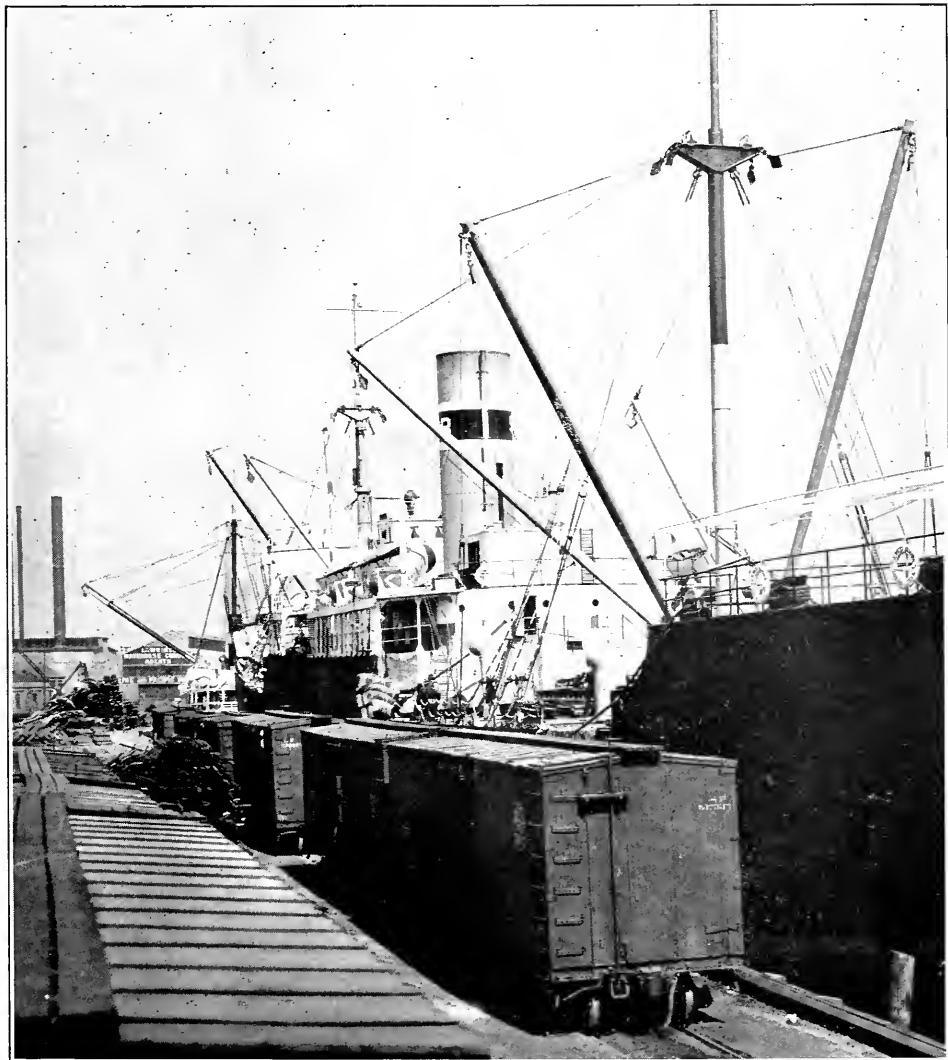




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DISCHARGING AND LOADING CARGO AT THE
OAKLAND MUNICIPAL DOCKS

OAKLAND-- A WORLD PORT!

OAKLAND is on its way to become a leading world port!

With the voting of nearly \$10,000,000 for harbor improvements, adoption of a definite port development program, the appointment of a Port Commission to conduct harbor development as a business enterprise, and the selection of an internationally known harbor engineer as Port Manager, Oakland has taken the necessary steps to place itself in the front rank of seaport cities.

The essential requirements of a successful seaport as laid down by engineers are: strategic location, potential tributary territory, water transportation, land transportation, interchange facilities, and proper port control and administration.

Engineers state that Nature has endowed Oakland with the first three requirements of a successful seaport, that is, location, back country and water transportation.

Oakland is strategically located to handle world commerce, San Francisco Bay being the central port location of the Pacific Coast and Oakland being especially favorably situated on the Eastbay shore.

Oakland has a large and potentially productive hinterland in the immediately adjacent San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys and less directly in all of the country lying to the north, east and south.

It has an unexcelled approach from the ocean, especially good anchorage facilities in San Francisco Bay, and excellent inland waterways in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, serving those great, fertile valleys.

Pilotage and towage facilities are good, although the charges differentiate somewhat against Oakland, as compared with San Francisco; but these charges can be equalized.

With these necessary natural advantages, enterprising business men and public officials with a vision of the future, determined that an organized plan should be adopted for carrying forward necessary work in developing and augmenting shipping possibilities.

Consequently, an engineer board of three men of national recognition was appointed



MAYOR JOHN L. DAVIE

Under whose administration the development of the Oakland Harbor was started.

by the City Council. This board of consulting engineers included G. B. Hegardt, Charles D. Marx and Charles T. Leeds, all of them engineers of experience and standing. This board conducted an investigation for several months and finally submitted a preliminary report, recommending certain immediate improvements.

On the basis of this report, a bond issue totaling nearly \$10,000,000 was voted, a port commission appointed by LeRoy Goodrich, Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Oakland, and a Port Manager engaged.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

A harbor development program along the lines recommended by the consulting board of engineers is being worked out. A complete report covering in detail further port development will be submitted later by the engineers.

Construction provides for the erection of piers and transit sheds on the Outer Har-

bor, Inner Harbor and in Brooklyn Basin, and the installation of other facilities.

The program as recommended by the consulting engineers and the amount to be expended follows:

Outer Harbor — 1,700-foot wharf, with 1,500-foot transit shed, and necessary tracks and roadways.....	\$1,470,000
Inner Harbor—A double pier at Grove Street, with 1,700 feet of berthing and 168,000 square feet of transit shed, and a double pier at Clay Street with 1,500 feet of berthing and 126,000 square feet of transit shed, with necessary roadways, trackage and approaches	2,664,600
Brooklyn Basin Mole Pier—3,800 feet berthing space, 600,000 square feet transit shed area, with necessary roadways, approaches and trackage.....	3,820,000
Fire Boat and House.....	250,000
Warehouse and/or Cold Storage Plant	500,000
Miscellaneous Dredging	350,000
Contingencies, 10%	905,460
Total.....	\$9,950,060

The improvements, although apparently isolated, are not so in fact, as they fit into the complete general development plan.

The consulting board recommended the removal of Government Island from the Estuary, on the ground that the space now occupied by the Island will provide greater anchorage for shipping and improve the value of harbor frontage on both the Oakland and Alameda sides of Brooklyn Basin. In fact, the proposed improvement in Brooklyn Basin contemplates the removal of the Island, as the recommended piers and transit shed would occupy a portion of the space now taken up by the Island.

The investigation by engineers shows that Oakland's shipping will probably increase at the rate of 100,000 tons a year for the next five years, and the development program is designed to meet this expected increase.

In addition to the facilities contemplated in the Outer Harbor, the Inner Harbor, and Brooklyn Basin, space is available for the development of all the berthing which Oakland can need for the handling of the traffic which will come to it. Further large areas for the development of industrial districts are conveniently served by tide water, which will provide for enormous industrial expansion. All of these facilities which are contemplated in the present unit will fit into the ultimate development.

The engineering board has already recommended and requested the government to do necessary dredging in both the Inner and Outer Harbors.

In the Outer Harbor the government has been asked to dredge a channel through Goat Island Shoal 35 feet deep and 800 feet wide, narrowing the channel to 600 feet at the ends of the Oakland jetties. The approach channel to the Outer Harbor (Key Route Basin) would be dredged 35



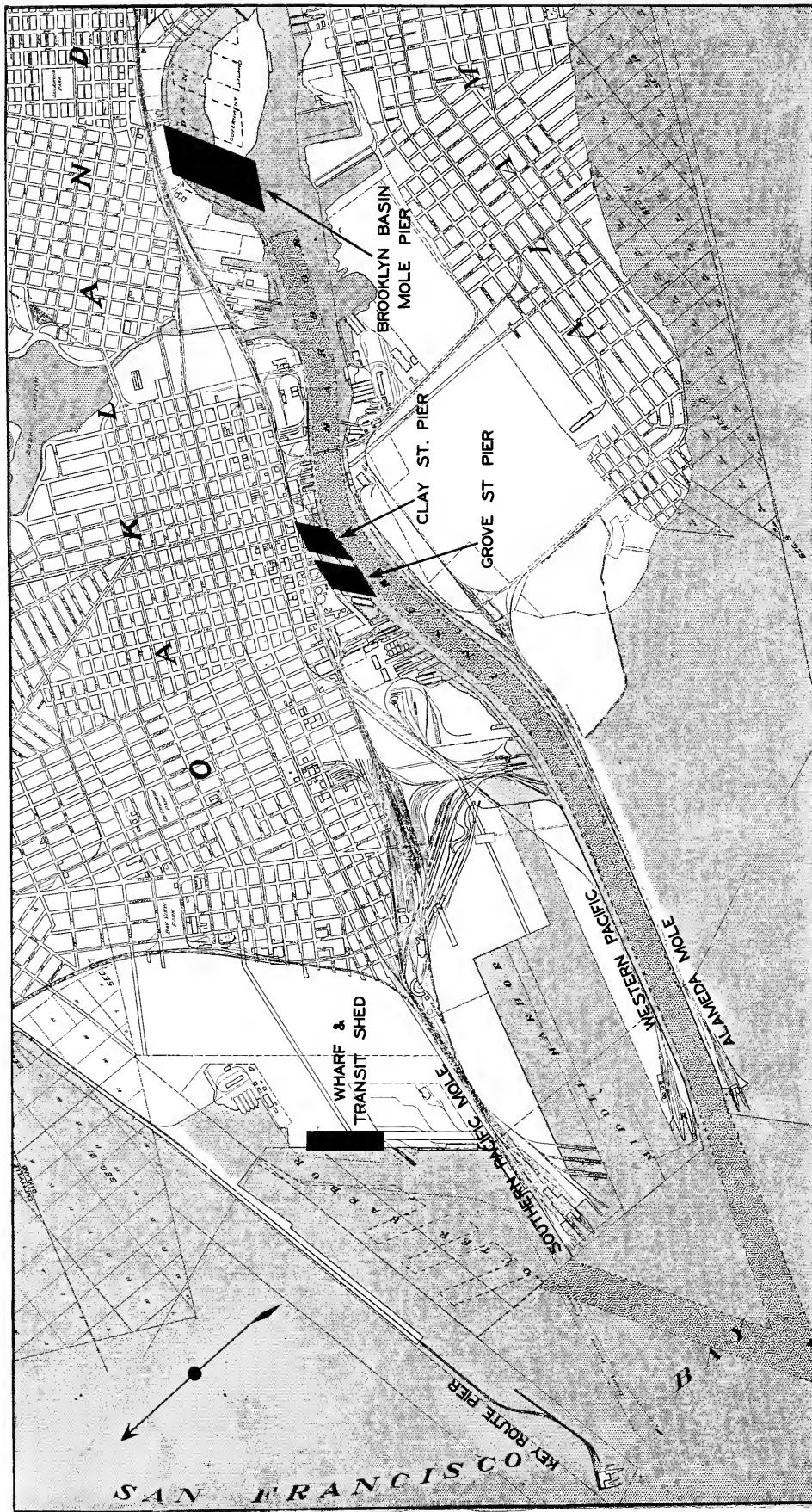
CONGRESSMAN ALBERT E. CARTER
Former city commissioner, who is now working for Federal aid in dredging harbor channels

feet deep and 800 feet wide to the pier head line.

In the Inner Harbor, the government has been asked to dredge the channel 33 feet deep and 600 feet wide from the outer end of the Oakland jetties to the westerly end of Government Island. In the Tidal Canal from Park street bridge to San Leandro Bay, the channel would be dredged 25 feet deep and 275 feet wide.

The recommendation has been made also by the engineering board that an additional 200 foot width of right of way bordering the Tidal Canal be acquired in order to facilitate its future deepening to 30 feet.

Re-construction of bridges over the Tidal



Canal is deemed necessary by the engineering board to provide adequate clearances for shipping.

The recommendations made to the Federal Government are based on what is considered necessary to serve properly the existing and soon to be constructed shipping facilities.

Completion of the recommended dredging by the government and of the \$10,000,000 harbor development program, and the resulting increase in shipping will indicate and justify what further work may be properly done by the Federal Government in the further improvement in channel dimensions and by the City in trans-shipment facilities.

Congressman Albert E. Carter has been active in Washington in the interests of the Oakland port development. Having formerly occupied the office of Commissioner of Public Works in Oakland, during which time he was one of the leaders in harbor development, Congressman Carter has a first hand knowledge of conditions here and is ably qualified to present the situation accurately.

FOUR TERMINALS PLANNED

Construction on the Inner Harbor includes a double pier 500 feet long at the foot of Grove street with 1700 feet of berthing and 168,000 square feet of transit shed. A 500-foot double pier will be erected at the foot of Clay street, also, with 1500 feet of berthing and 126,000 square feet of transit shed. The berthing will be sufficient to accommodate one ship on either side of the two piers, with river steamer berths on the channel end for Sacramento and San Joaquin river commerce, and necessary tracks and approach roadways.

Solid fill type of construction has been recommended, including concrete piling from the bulkhead to the outer wall of the transit shed and creosoted timber piling underneath the wharf apron, with floating fender log, for greater resiliency.

The transit shed itself will have steel frame, galvanized corrugated iron sides, and metal doors, with heavy wood sheathing and composition roof supported on steel purlins.

Doors will be in every panel on the ship-side and in every other panel on the rail-side of the shed. An automatic sprinkler system will be installed throughout the

sheds. For aesthetic and advertising value, the shore and pierhead ends of sheds will be finished with some regard for architectural effect.

The Brooklyn Basin mole pier will provide 3800 feet of berthing space with 600,000 square feet of transit shed with necessary roadways, approaches and trackage. Type of construction is practically the same as the Clay street and Grove street units.

The Outer Harbor development will be made on city property at the west end of Fourteenth street. Plans provide for a 1700-foot wharf with 1500-foot transit shed with necessary tracks and roadways.

The transit shed is 180 feet wide. Until ships of larger cargo require this full width, the additional width will serve to provide convenient temporary storage capacity, for which there is a demand. Storage space, when later required for greater cargoes, will be provided for in waterfront warehouses.

Three depressed tracks are recommended for the 1500-foot transit shed in the rear of the shed in addition to the necessary running tracks, as it has been found that



LEROY GOODRICH
Commissioner of Public Works, who is directly supervising harbor development.

three tracks provide the most rapid, efficient movement of freight from transit shed floor to cars. The trackage serving this transit shed and pier is connected with the Parr Terminal trackage.

As regards types of construction, sprinkler system, and in other respects, the shed and pier will be similar to those recommended for the Inner Harbor piers.

There are at present no cold storage facilities on the Oakland waterfront. Experience at other ports shows that the furnishing of such facilities by the city may be necessary. With this in view, the plans for harbor development provide an amount sufficient for a moderate installation of this kind.

Efficiency of transfer of cargo between rail and water carriers will be greatly increased by the use of mechanical freight handling devices. Small motor trucks and trailers in place of hand trucking, are a recognized and generally adopted improvement.

The efficient operation of a port depends greatly upon a well-planned system of trackage immediately behind the wharves.

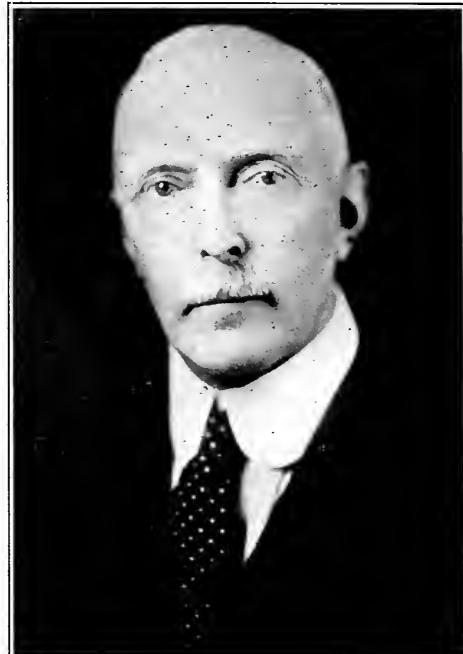
The consulting board of engineers recommends that a joint study be made by the railroad companies and the city with the view of arriving at a definite policy which will guarantee complete and adequate rail facilities in the port development.

Second only in importance to adequate rail facilities in land access to the waterfront, are adequate highways. Early improvement and construction of additional trunk highways from Oakland to inland points are recommended by the harbor engineers.

Careful attention will be given, in the subdivision of waterfront properties, to the arrangement and width of streets, particularly in the immediate vicinity of transhipment facilities. Convenient and ample streets will lead from the transit sheds on the waterfront to the industrial areas.

AIDS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Oakland has achieved marked industrial development, and this will be greatly stimulated and the completely developed areas more efficiently served by careful planning of the industrial areas themselves, engineers explain. The streets and highways should be so located and dimensioned as



G. B. HEGARDT

A member of the consulting board of harbor engineers, and recently appointed Port Manager for Oakland.

to provide proper ingress and egress, and sufficient loading spaces at warehouses and plants. Industrial blocks should be of such widths and lengths that proper light radiation in industrial buildings will be provided for.

The engineers point out that only industries requiring water transportation should be permitted to locate directly on the waterfront, and their land area should be so arranged as to use the minimum amount of water frontage, with a sufficient depth and width of the less valuable upland.

Oakland is particularly fortunate in its opportunity for future industrial expansion, both in the comparatively undeveloped western waterfront and in the Brooklyn Basin and to the east toward San Leandro. The nearby developed or potential waterfront makes it possible to lay out an industrial harbor and industrial districts of maximum efficiency.

Engineers explain that it is not necessary or desirable for the city to go largely into the acquisition of land for industrial purposes, but recommend that harbor lines in

undeveloped territory be revised and extended and steps taken by the city looking toward the control of waterfront development sufficient to provide for needs well into the future.

Oakland's opportunity, in the opinion of the consulting board, will never again be as great as now to zone intelligently the industrial areas and the waterfront so as to provide the maximum of safety from fire hazard, security of investment, convenience to the public, and the efficient use of land and facilities.

The present fueling needs of the waterfront are adequately cared for. Coal may be obtained at two points on the Inner Harbor, and oil may be obtained at two points on the Inner Harbor, and from two different companies in the Outer Harbor.

There are various private companies in San Francisco and Oakland which handle ship supplies and these will doubtless expand in response to any demand which may arise.

Oakland is well equipped for the repair and reconstruction of ships, having several companies with varying number of ways and fitting-out wharves; one of these companies is provided with a floating drydock 701 feet long by 126 feet wide, with a dead weight lifting capacity of 21,000 tons. Marine railways exist at several points in the city.

There are several companies now taking care of ship salvage and wrecking in San Francisco Bay, some being located in San Francisco and others in Oakland.

The consulting board of engineers in its recommendations urges that the city provide itself with a fire boat with a capacity of 10,000 gallons a minute at 200 pounds pressure, together with a house for its protection. Extension of the high pressure system is also recommended.

Harbor sanitation is an important phase of port development. Some method other than the disposal of sewage in the Inner Harbor and the hauling of garbage out to sea should be developed. The engineering board suggests the possibility of incineration as the best method of garbage disposal.

POR T COMMISSION NAMED

Appointment of a Port Commission of five members guarantees that the work of solving the port problem and developing a

continuous and constructive program will go forward rapidly. The members of the Port Commission are Roscoe Jones, H. C. Capwell, Stuart Hawley, B. H. Pendleton and Robert Leet. Appointment of this board composed of business men takes the entire question of port development out of politics and places it in the hands of business men.

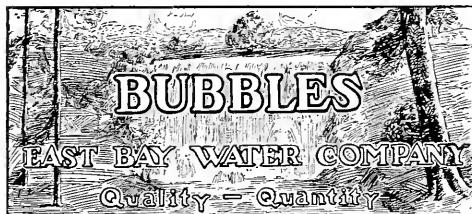
G. B. Hegardt, a member of the consulting board, and for years the Port Manager for Portland, has been named Port Man-



ARTHUR ABEL
Assistant Port Manager.
for Oakland.

ager for Oakland. Mr. Hegardt is especially noted for his work in constructing the jetties on the Columbia River and for the port construction program carried out in Portland. Mr. Hegardt has brought Arthur Abel, his assistant in Portland, to Oakland as Assistant Port Manager. Both men are now actively at work on the development of Oakland's waterfront.

The consulting board of engineers is continuing its work with the result that the development of Oakland as a world port will be increasingly progressive as time goes on.



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PURPOSE

THE new year, now two months old, offers to each of us a fresh start. We may not have finished up the old year as we had hoped to do but, unless we are "snowed under," we may begin all over again with new enthusiasm, fortified by the knowledge and experience gained in the past twelve months. As the years go by it should be easier for us to formulate plans for the future and to work out a stronger purpose to guide us in attaining it.

We do not hear very much about new resolutions nowadays. Resolutions too often are easily broken and are not effective in our lives because we make them without proper consideration.

To be effective a resolution must be backed by strong purpose. A desire to improve, proper planning, stick-to-it-ive-

ness and many other essentials to guaranteed progress. It helps us to make the most of the present minute and hour that our days may each show improvement. If each day is a success, the months and years are bound to be.

If we no longer like the word resolution, if it has lost its dignity and utility with us, let us try a new word—Purpose.

ASPIRATION

A strange picture we make on our way to our chimeras, ceaselessly marching, grudging ourselves time for rest; indefatigable, adventurous pioneers. It is true that we shall never reach the goal; it is even more than probable that there is no such place; and if we lived for centuries and were endowed with the powers of a god, we should find ourselves not much nearer what we wanted at the end. Oh, toiling hands of mortals! Oh, unwearied feet, traveling ye know not whither! Soon, soon it seems to you, you must come forth on some conspicuous hilltop, and but a little way further, against the setting sun, decry the spires of El Dorado. Little do ye know your own blessedness; for to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and true success is to labour.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

WORTHY SERVICE ENDURES

The epoch-making battleship Oregon, the old bulldog of the navy, has gone to the scrap heap. But it still lives in the hearts of true loving Americans.

Tons of bronze metal have been removed from the old sea warrior and moulded into souvenir coins to be sold to help finance the preliminary expenses of the World's Fair to be held at Portland, Oregon, in 1930.

These souvenirs will help to keep afame in fervent memory thoughts of the good ship long after the fair has been forgotten.

Faithful service rendered is never discarded nor consigned to the scrap heap. It lives on indefinitely.

He who loses wealth, loses much; he who loses a friend, loses more; but he who loses his Courage, loses all.

—Cervantes.

"BUBBLES" from OUR CORRESPONDENTS

OAKLAND · BERKELEY
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CORPORATION YARD

GENERAL OFFICES.—We are glad to note that M. J. Williams has entirely recovered from his recent operation.

The sympathy of all employees of the Company is extended to the Ogden boys, whose father recently passed on.

Our genial fire warden, W. H. (Bill) Jordan, having concluded a successful season fighting fires, has accepted a position in Paul Daniels office.

Walter Curtain, having suffered a remorse of conscience on account of various remarks in his recent piece in BUBBLES, wants to apologize to all concerned, with the exception of Louis Farrell, who says he has been insulted so often by professionals that he considers any amateur's efforts complimentary. Also he wants to apologize to all those who feel hurt because they were not mentioned.

W. F. McLaughlin was appointed Assistant Auditor on January 1st and we are all very glad of this merited promotion. On the day of his appointment two beautiful bouquets reposed on his desk (one vegetable). It looked like the opening of a new restaurant.

Agnes Gardner and Agda Anderson have been assisting in the stenographic division during the rush work account annual report.

OAKLAND DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICE.—With this issue of BUBBLES along comes Spring, green meadows, trees in blossom, wild flowers and the itch. If you think that's mere idle chatter and space filler, ask Marge. She of the permanent wave. It certainly is keeping her busy these days. She also claims she has acquired a horse

by name Emma. As to that, we're from Missouri.

Three of a kind beats two pair any way you look at it. And if they're queens, it's pretty safe to raise your bet. Anyway, that's the hand we hold. The three new ones are: Miss Dorothy Angel, Miss Marie Holbert, and Miss Jessie Reed. All three girls are newcomers and claim they're with us for better or for worse.

Abbie Homer surprised the bunch the other day by trotting into the office loaded to the ears with candy. And three different kinds, too. All day long candy was consumed oblivious of the fact that an event was being celebrated. Mrs. Homer was celebrating her having been with the Water Company for fifteen years. And if it were possible, a toast would have been drunk to her and then the glasses broken, but the best we can do now is say, "Congratulations, it's mighty great."

Bobby Dolan is in Salt Lake City. She writes that there is snow back there, lots of it. Soon she'll be coming back, though, and like the rest of us will enjoy the sunshine over our heads and the noise next door.

Mr. Wilson cracked this bright one the other morning: "Join the meter readers' club and see Oakland."

Mrs. Christensen has given up her job and Clarence "jis' natchurally" fell into it. So now about four o'clock most any day Clarence can be heard rattling dishes and singing with a vengeance:

I'm in the kitchen now—
I'm not behind a plow.
I'll never get rich washing a dish,
I'm in the kitchen now.

It was a dark and stormy night. People with good sense were tucked in bed or sitting by nice firesides. But the Bubbles Club chanted "Whadda we care, Whadda we care." Then climbed in their gumboots and paddled to the Oakland Club. And talk about Aladdin's Lamp. Nothing to it at all. Just had to rub the silly thing three times to get anywhere and didn't even knock to go in. But here's the catch—



J. P. FIEBERLING
Correspondent

No admittance unless your dues were paid.

The hall was decorated in red and white. A table in one corner was filled with candy hearts and a welcome bowl of punch. The music was K. O. The floor better'n that. And the clever caps everybody wore just topped it off. No pun intended, however.

Buster Wyman and his pal, Erwin Marks, put on a little skit for the edification of the Gang, called "The Goil From the Winger Woiks." Rumor has it that Jack craved Charlestoning and Mary refused.

That Susie forgot she was married and William had to bring her back to earth.

That Jim danced too much with the blond and sorta left poor Lucy to round up her own victims. But that's only rumor and it's fun making up. "Anniehow," everybody had a peach of a time and are rarin' to go again. So Entertainment Committee, set your date, do your darndest and see who will turn out.

If you have a big bag of nice chocolates or some gooey gumdrops, don't get panicky when you see Myrt or Mrs. Gibson come along. It's Lent, and these ladies are true to their word. You're safe, you won't even have to offer them any. Honest. Try it once. But try it at your own risk.

News items like this are always cheery. Beulah is back again, looking much better than when she left us for a hurried call for an appendicitis operation. Same old smile, all the old pep, but it did eliminate some of the old desire to Charleston every other fifteen minutes.

Margie McDonnell got roses and candy on Valentine's Day, and when asked if they were from the same boy, she looked daggers and said, "Certainly not, two different boys." There's the old story again. One woman cornering more than her share. Oh, well, them what has, gits.

This will be all for this issue. Will everybody please rise and sing?

CENTRAL BILLING BUREAU.—There comes to our gate from a far off land a man who was seeking a mate. He wanted a woman who would wash his clothes, cook his meals and polish his boots. To furnish these requirements nearly a score could be found in the Central Billing Bureau. "A score, you say, but one is all I want" was the grave man's reply. Beauty and grace they also have, so to make a selection here is offered you their other qualifications.

The one just passed who walked erect and greeted you with a smile. She is also neat, precise and kind, determined, patient, sympathetic and forgiving to a fault. Please name her if you can.

The girl in blue who also spoke. She will never show offense. In fact she would rather suffer than offend. She is also generous, humble, forgiving and quiet and eager to satisfy. Her name is short to guess.

Behold the one who is coming now! She walks as if on air. She won't complain nor offend your wish. She is mild and congenial, too. A leader and tolerant. Perhaps she will do.

See that dark, trim-looking girl. Well, she, too, holds to higher marks. Conservative, determined and quick to grasp. The friends she makes are sure. She is not quick to blame, but her decision is sure when made. To tell you more would name the girl. So it's left for you to say.

Here she comes and there she goes. You must hustle if she you want. Have no fear, she means no harm. She strikes, but never hurts. She will want to do so much for you, you will bless her all the while. She is firm and set and wants to help. Her anxiety is a charm.

You say you want a thinking girl who is accurate, sure and true. Well, there she sits in front of the girl in blue. She is frank and plays no favorites and very relentless, too. Her name you ask? What it is? Sure it fits her true.

Perhaps you like a dressy girl, a regular fashion plate. She would feel at home in a palace and she would also fit in at the home fireplace. She would like a lovely home, be affectionate, meek and still. How about her—surely she will fill your bill.

Or would you like a homey girl, steady and true as gold? Frank and not at all puffed up, who will execute your orders without many ifs and ands. She would make a good housewife to any lonesome man.

Last we introduce you to a new girl who has measured up to the responsibilities assigned her. From which can be said she is radiating good qualities in line with your wishes.

Now, dear old man from a far off land, what more can you ask? A selection, 'tis true, is hard to make, but you are the one to choose.

CORPORATION YARD

IN the near future the Construction Department will announce the opening of the latest Yard production, "A Hot Dog Lunch Counter," featuring Clare Belding as Chief Cook and Bottle Washer.

Judging from the dress rehearsal which was held on a Saturday afternoon recently, the production will be a howling success.

Ray Lange, who is Financier and Messenger Boy, filled his part well, but suffered a slight shock when his purse fell flat and he had an attack of heart failure and had to go for reinforcements to handle the hungry mob. He is improving slowly and we are in hopes he will recover in time to take part in the opening performance.

Clare Belding, who is taking the lead, is a "Wonder" when it comes to donning an apron (towel) and cooking Hot Dogs with pickles, mustard n'everything.

Esther Swan takes the role of Coffee Maker and the Misses Hoar, Boardman and Piliotti as Entertainers.

As a Dish Wiper, Fred Klaus is a "Hum-dinger." Don't rush, girls.

We don't know how it happened, but Louis Lester Farrell fell heir to the role of "The Lone Guest" who doesn't work for his "Dogs."

The opening date has not as yet been decided upon, but we will post a notice soon enough for you to purchase your tickets early to avoid the rush.

Gentle Hint—Irving Cobb said, "A ukulele on the wall is worth two in the hand."

Time—The evening of February 22, 1926.
Place—On the shores of Lake Adeline, Corporation Yard.

Our Big Chief made a speech and so did Fred Klaus,
But Bill Johnson's Trite words brought down the whole house.
The boys were all there, from high salaried to low
All met on a level just for to show



R. LANGE
Correspondent

That CO-OPERATION is the one item that counts,
And out of such gatherings only good feeling
mounts
And makes each one realize that there is such a
thing
As the Brotherhood of Man of which poets sing.

Now the eats were all good, likewise the drinks,
Be sure it's not easy as you might think
To plan, manage and serve a hundred or more
When the food has to come at least a mile from
the shore.

There was music and mirth and folk dances
galore,
Each one giving cheerfully of his talents in store.

A "Hop Head" act by illustrious Bill Flinner
And a "One Arm Flute Player" by Louie were
winners.

The Honorable Pat Shally and Denny Brosnan
Gave a Gaelic Dance that stirred up the clan,
Then Hoot Man, Dan Nichols and "One Nail"
George Hunter

Came across with a Highland Fling like a Billie
Goat Bunter.

Sid Goure and Jack Storer and Tom Hunter
rushed to the tape

As the dust settled down on their Ivory Pates,
Montano now sang a Swan Song from "Old Mex"
And Jim Nelson cavorted a Copenhagen next,
Al Foglia, himself in fine tenor voice,
Sang several fine songs of which take your choice.

An impromptu quartette sang aft now and then,
And so late in the night all were sorry when
The time came to depart from the fun, music
and mirth

And again brave the deluge, but it had been worth
The effort to come to the Foremen's Banquet,
But best of all was that OUTSIDE IT WAS WET
A billion per inch in the reservoirs ran
Each second and minute 'twas filling the dams
Of precious rain water to serve you next summer
So to one and to all the night was a Hummer.

FARRELLBERG AND LANGESTEIN

Small Loans Cheerfully
Negotiated

For a Slight Remuneration.

—Adv.

The above is a suggestion for a shingle to be hung out in the office at the Yard. It pays to advertise. It might be worth trying.

Why Daniel Barry is late—sometimes.

- 1—Cars stopped.
- 2—Clock stopped.
- 3—Boiler burst and had to get plumber to turn off valve.
- 4—Looking for little red signs on curb showing where fire taps are located.

If Frank Pretti would provide a scooter for him we think he would get to work on time.

The Turnoff Dept. will soon have another feed coming if the fines continue to come in, contributed principally by Alibi Reilley, John Whitaker and Daniel Barry.

Reilley's excuses sometimes get by with Pretti, but he is not so lucky with speed cops.

Fred Kitchen has become an expert plumbing inspector, even if he has to put a clothes pin on his nose sometimes.

Fred Brownell is always at work on time now. Don't know whether his wife has anything to do with it or not. Keep the good work up, Fred.

Ray O'Connor has been a regular customer at the dentist's lately, but he is about through now, even if he has to take out his teeth to eat sometimes.

Andy Gawley was recently giving household hints about washing dishes correctly. "Ha," says we, "another man gone—the right way!"

THE PIECE THAT ROBERT SPOKE

Once there was a little boy, whose name was Robert Reece
And every Friday afternoon he had to speak a piece.
So many poems thus he learned that soon he had a store
Of recitations in his head, and still kept learning more.

And now this is what happened: He was called upon one week.
And totally forgot the piece he was about to speak.
His brain he cudgeled, not a word remained within his head.
And so he spoke at random, and this is what he said:

My beautiful, my beautiful, who standest proudly by
It is the schooner Hesperus: the breaking waves dashed high.
Why is the Forum crowded? What means this stir in Rome?
Under a spreading chestnut tree there is no place like home.

When Freedom from her mountain height cried,
"Twinkle little star."
Shoot if you must this old gray head, King Henry of Navarre,
Roll on, thou deep and dark blue castled crag of Drachenfels,
My name is Norval, on the Grampian Hills, ring out, wild bells.

If you're waking, call me early, to be or not to be,
The curfew shall not ring tonight. Oh, woodman, spare that tree.
Charge! Chester, Charge! On, Stanley, on!
And let who will be clever.
The boy stood on the burning deck, but I go on forever.

SKELETON RATTLES

Lou Farrell's dreary secret, and one which has long been kept from print, is at last being bared for publication—he listens with the wrong ear at the telephone receiver.

"What is your favorite course?"

"Fish."

"No, I mean, what is your favorite links?"

"Oh, frankfurters."

"Who is being operated on this time of night?"

"A man who had a golf ball driven down his throat."

"Who is that anxious individual pacing the corridor?"

"He? Oh, he is the man that lost the golf ball." (Page George Hunter.)

KOME KLEAN — KRAZZY KRAKS

Spring is came, the lille trees have green leaves, the little chickens have new feathers and the timekeepers are all acquiring little mustaches and new sweaters.—Tweet-tweet.

The panic that recently broke loose was not the kennels at large or a fire scare, but just Clare Belding serving Mr. Hot Dog treat to the hungry horde. P. S.—Fred Klaus acted as dish drier, officio.

Clare Belding, after a most entertaining discourse, duly, solemnly and irrevocably dubbed two of our respected associates "Staycomb" and "Wobbly." Postum. Now he fares forth with an escort.

We don't know how much O'Brien appreciates his coupe, but it is a fact that the Water Company at large does *thoroughly mostly at large*.

Sprig is cumb—Ethel's it!

What with kicking brass fixtures around and such light indoor sports, Harriet is sure of amusing Boardman this year.

Who ever heard of spelling community with one "m"? But then, folks, it does take presence of mind to chew up the extra "m" in the box when the storm breaks.

To be or not to be!! Ben Carroll always wears his hat home. He says he will be getting a new one this Spring. "Benny," you are fibbing.

Everyone was present at the Engineers' luncheon. Great howls of merriment and much crackling lafter spilt the walls. Applesauce!!

BERKELEY DISTRICT

A PLAN is afloat for making University Avenue the best lighted thoroughfare in California; the program as arranged by Frank B. Roe, city's electrical engineer, calls for an expenditure of \$100,000.

Nellie Knox claims there is no place like "Pismo" to spend the holidays. The attraction still lives there. Tell him about Berkeley, Nellie, with the million-dollar view.

Jack Hansen says he is now thoroughly convinced that the consumer is always right, especially the female of the species; ask Jack what happened on a certain afternoon, or if he ever heard the song entitled "I'll make your brown eyes black."

Talking about long trips, one of our girls came "clean" from Pittsburg.

Ralph Boyd said he never used to have any trouble getting phone service, but now she has joined our ranks.

Besides having the distinction of the only diving girls in the Company, we believe we can boast of a champion poker player in the person of Emily Purcell.

Bud Terry assisted us very nicely during Jack Reilley's absence. Bud said that the only thing he doesn't like about this cold weather is that it requires extra heavy wool hose to keep his tootsies warm. Good thing, Bud, you don't have to work in Alaska.

Our recent flu outbreak, we find, has a great deal to do with voice culture. Jack Reilley, the office tenor, returned after a short illness singing a beautiful basso profundo, Ralph Boyd a lyric soprano and Walter Stoddard tenor. Between the three we have the Neapolitan Trio.

A VARIATION ON AN OLD THEME

We hear from Philadelphia that Kathryn Gede, who is on leave of absence, took a beautiful flop on a cold, wet sidewalk, which happening inspires us to the follow-



T. N. CRAFTS
Correspondent

ing effort, sung to the tune of "Show Me the Way to Go Home":

As Kathryn Gede walked along on a slippery "Philly" street,
The sidewalk suddenly slipped out from underneath her feet;
Kathryn strove to catch herself, but with a thud
she fell.
As she hit the hard, cold ground, she began to yell:

Chorus

Show me the way to go home, I'm tired and I
want to go to bed;
I had a little bump just a minute ago, and it's
gone right to my head.
Wherever I may roam, on land or sea or foam,
You can always hear me singing this song,
Show me the way to go home.

Owing to several changes in our office Electa Musgrave has been transferred from the position of Teller to Office Cashier. Electa fits into her work very nicely.

Madolyn Cooke, a new member in our large family, has taken over the position as Relief Teller at the front counter and is handling the work in a very capable manner.

Walter Stoddard, upon completing an inspection asked the lady of the house how many persons there were in the family. With that the lady replied, "There is Mary and Ellen and Delia and Susie and Emma and Tommy and Eddie and Charlie and Frankie and—"

"Madam," interrupted Stoddard, "if you could just give me the number."

With that she exclaimed indignantly, "I want you to understand that we ain't got to numbering them yet; we ain't run out of names yet."

Several new members have joined our office force. Valborg Heidekker is taking the place made vacant by Florence D'as, who has resigned; Emily Purcell is taking Dorothy Nation's place, as Dorothy has accepted a position teaching, and Olive Marsh is taking the place of Nelda Beck, whose family removed to Salt Lake City.

Abe Solomon's little ditty is "who wants to buy any quarters?" Abe must have cleaned up on Frank Pretti and Company.

Ambrose Merrill Drinkwater called up the other day and wanted to know if there was any run-off. "Drinkie" surely has our interests at heart whether on duty or off. We are always glad to hear from you,

ALAMEDA DISTRICT

AS mentioned in a previous issue of BUBBLES, plans were being considered for the construction of a new hotel in Alameda. Since that date the promoters have gone right ahead and are now able to report developments. A company is to be formed and stock issued to the amount of \$400,000. There will be 4000 shares. It is understood that the hotel is to be controlled and managed by a company which now owns and operates a chain of hotels located throughout California. The building will be of Spanish design and will be equipped with all modern conveniences. The establishment of this hotel will fill a much needed want and there is no reason why it should not prove a success from the start.

Not to be behind her sister cities Alameda is laying out a golf course on Bay Farm Island. The site is now being leveled off and it will not be long before it is ready for the experts in cow pasture pool. One of the natural water hazards is San Leandro Bay, so any golf fan who is looking for other fields to conquer just step into your rubber boots and take a whirl at a real man-size hazard.

Repairs to the Park and High street mains where they cross the estuary are progressing slowly but surely. George Jorgensen, the deep sea diver, has charge of the under water operations, while Joe Paladini and his crew man the air pumps. Considerable difficulty is experienced in doing this work, as the pipe is embedded in mud which has to be removed in order to determine the exact nature of repairs that have to be made. Most of the mud is removed by a dredger, after which the pipe receives a thorough washing by means of a hose. All this work is merely preliminary, the real tug of war coming when the actual repair work starts. With twenty feet of water above, and inky darkness surrounding him, handicapped with a hundred



GEO. A. MCKEAN
Correspondent

weight strapped about his middle, the diver is forced to caulk joints, bolt on patches, or make whatever repairs are necessary. This all takes a tremendous amount of time and energy for the amount of work executed, and it is little wonder that progress is reported at all. It's slow but sure.

The Valentine dance given by the Bubbles Club proved to be an enjoyable affair. The decorations were very pretty, while the music was everything that could be desired. It is regretted that the storm kept some of the regulars close to their own fireside; however, there were enough who braved the elements to make up just the "right size" crowd so that dancing was a pleasure. Although a special announcement was made that card tables would be provided for those who could not and would not dance, none of the card sharps put in an appearance. Now the committee announces that in the future those who find dancing and card playing too strenuous will be welcomed if they only sit and watch. So come on down to the next dance, Messrs. Rihn and Crafts, and bring your knitting.

Joe Paladini, foreman, has temporarily laid aside the pick, the shovel, and the crowbar for a life on the ocean wave. This does not mean that Joe is enjoying all the pleasures of a round the world trip, but merely a change in occupation from chauffeur of a work truck to Captain of the good ship Olympia. The Olympia, which belongs to Joe, is a rakish little craft, and is used in ferrying men to and from the dredger. She is a particular little boat, too, and only operates nicely when Captain Joe is at the helm. "It's all in the way you handle her," states Joe as he casts off the bow line and heads up stream for another trip across the estuary.

After some delay it has finally been decided to reconstruct the bridge across Webster Street. It is estimated that it will take about three months to complete this work; meanwhile, all traffic to and from Oakland is being routed over Park Street. This detour not only has caused much inconvenience to those who live in the west end of town, but the business section has suffered as well. Under the circumstances the news that work will be started upon a new bridge at once will be welcomed.

RICHMOND DISTRICT

OLD Jupiter Pluvius has proven not so unfriendly in spite of all the misgivings we held concerning his miserliness the first of this season. He appears to have turned Jester, trying to dishearten us with practical jokes such as he has played this winter. The splendid downpour beginning the first of February not only replenished our storage, but also our faith in the Old Boy's generosity.

While *agua pura* is our topic it might be well to inform the waiting world that our natatorium is growing near completion. Whereas the opening date has not as yet been officially announced, it is understood that it will be some time during the first of March. This event will be featured by a huge celebration sponsored by the West Side Progressive Association. The natatorium represents a total investment of about \$115,000 and is housed in a building of steel and hollow tile of attractive architecture. The tank is 60 by 160 feet, one of the largest indoor tanks in the bay region, and ranges from 3 to 9½ feet in the main tank, with a kiddies' tank ranging in depth from 1 to 2 feet. The main tank includes a sprinting course 50 yards long, which permits recognized swimming events to be held. Salt water is to be piped directly from the bay to the natatorium, where it is filtered and heated.

We hope that Tev Crafts and Jack Townsend will escort their bunch of dashing mermaids to Point Richmond for many dips in our new pool.

After the removal of the many obstacles in the way of rapid development of Richmond's Inner Harbor, the wheels of progress are now moving. The Tibbetts-Pacific Company is well along with the construction of Wharf No. 2, and the Santa Fe Railway has secured a franchise to extend its tracks to this wharf. Completion of these two projects means much towards the future of this city's waterfront.



JOHN L. RIHN
Correspondent

After over a year's service in this district as timekeeper, Arthur E. Perry has been transferred to Oakland. Perry's visits to this office, although infrequent, are very much missed. We wish him the best of luck in his new field.

Julia LaFranz met with a painful accident recently which resulted in a severe laceration of her left hand, necessitating taking seven stitches. This caused her absence from the office for a few days and also deprived her of the full use of her hand for nearly two weeks.

C. M. Belding, versatile timekeeper, is the latest addition to the Richmond forces. After his first good view of Richmond, he was heard to exclaim, "So this is Venice!" We started to ask for an explanation, but finally decided that it might not prove as complimentary as we would wish. Mr. Belding seems to have had no trouble in adjusting himself to our climate and conditions and we hope he will like us as well as we like him.

Wendell and Julia LaFranz are now comfortably settled in their beautiful new home in the hills of the Mira Vista district. The architectural design of the house is of the English type. It is so situated as to afford a beautiful view of the Golden Gate and both the San Francisco and San Pablo bays. The LaFranzs may well be proud of their new possession.

Foreman George Pleich and Elmer Wilson performed the last sad rites on several three-inch fire hydrants which were installed many, many years ago as a protection to the California Wine Association buildings on the Point Orient road. Yes, they are gone and possibly forever, but one can not help but shed a tear at the havoc being wrought in dismantling the buildings which for many years graced the Point Orient road and if those tanks could talk they would reverberate with joy and laughter of bygone days. Oh, Volstead, why did you do it?

We Richmondites ventured into the stormy night of February 13th with a few misgivings and fairly light hearts and were well repaid for our courage. The Valentine dance was a brilliant affair and was certainly well attended, much to the credit of our Bubbles Club.

Stenographic Houris

By ANON.



Ah, kind old man from the *Far Off Land*,
I'll trot them out before you
If you'll stand by and cock your eye.
Your choice will aye adorn you.

Oh, see the tall and stalky one,
Just squint at that fair face.
You'll ne'er return to a far off shore
When you've observed her Grace.

She has those qualities so wild—
(So sweet but *so* resentful)
Mayhap you can, with your strong arm
To biff, make her "relentful."

Now here's another wee-er one,
A sleuth like our friend Holmes;
She digs men's secrets from their souls
And cons what's in their domes.

Oh, see her hasty, nifty pace.
(Her name I'll not be telling)
Though her legs are not so long as some,
Her voice is most compelling!

Look, look, old chap from way off there,
Who's this so tall and slim?
'Tis our private sec, whose twinkling heels
Do Charleston with such vim.

We pit her 'gainst all home-town champs,
She's the pride of our *depart*,
If you like her class, just hand her "mush"
That's what will win her heart.

Now comes my letter "S" to view,
Likest thou this wiggly maiden?
Though her smile is most perennial.
Her memory is heavy laden.

Like a red-winged butterfly she flits;
None know where she is at.
At her blithe heart gnaws a secret fear—
She may be growing fat!

Ah, here comes a statelier, ruddier maid,
Her face you'll ne'er forget.
She's "organized" like a delegate,
As she glides with full sails set.

Beware of her orbs, you stranger man.
Get a "close-up" when you are lamped.
For I've heard that both earls and dukelets
Have been "mascaroly" vamped!

I'm told that rows of sheiks fall down
In meekest adoration,
And this infant queen of the pumpkin rouge
On their hearts trods with elation.

Now out of the mist comes another one,
Tis said that once in Troy
Men fought o'er one like her; beware,
Beware a fair, fat boy!

She has the charm you will love, I trow,
(And a husky sum in the bank),
But the specialist thing she's noted for
Is the beauty and grace of her shank!

Now, last but not least (nor yet is she mine),
If you choose her, I promise you *troub*.
Her heart is most tender, but fickle, as one
Might expect of an auditor's sub.

Run, run from that Mona Lisa-ish smile,
In its depths deep woes are hid
As many a youth will testify;
She's the Cleopatra kid!

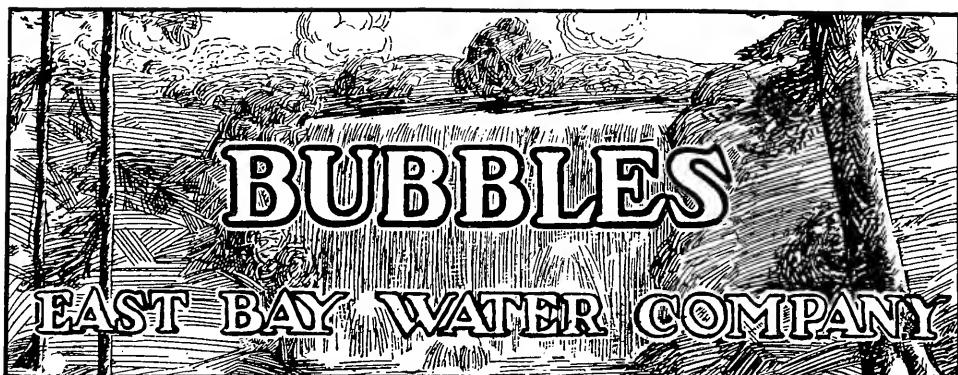
N. B.—The above is a *pome* by the author.



Her lips aren't rouged, her hair's not bobbed,
But beware her charming glance.
Ye who hath now got one alive,
Hath not a hundredth chance.

Oh, bachelor or widower, the office prize
Is waiting.
Her car and home she'll manage well,
For him who feels like mating.

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CITY HALL, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

A special design for a system was worked out by Berkeley and installed. The new system resulted in the abandonment of the city owned and operated system and the installation of a system under contract with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company. The new arrangement has resulted in increased efficiency and in a saving of money.

Installation of a new sewer to drain the new Hearst Hall on the University campus has been ordered.

Provisions for handling the additional growth of the city government for at least a ten-year period have been made by the erection of an annex to the city hall, and the remodeling of the main building to provide more nearly adequate office space. The cost of this work was \$24,000.

The city has co-operated with property owners in bringing about better street lighting. Electrolier systems have been installed in the downtown district, the initial cost of the projects being borne by property owners, with current and maintenance expense borne by the city. Five additional storage stalls were constructed at the Corporation Yards at a cost of \$15,000 and six additional trucks added to the city's equipment at a cost of \$12,000.

Steps have been taken to improve and increase recreational facilities. Grading work has enlarged the play area at Cordonices Park and tennis courts have been installed. Improvements have been carried out at other playgrounds, also. Purchase of a square block of land adjoining the Edison junior high school has been started. This recreational unit will cost about \$80,000, and \$25,000 of this amount has already been invested.

A start has been made in the creation of a fund for the building of a new main library building. It is expected that within three years the \$200,000 necessary for construction of the building will be available.

Approximately \$3000 has been expended in hill fire protection work, in order that Berkeley may be protected against hill fires during the summer and fall months.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters has just completed a re-survey of the city's fire fighting facilities with a view to reconciling Berkeley's insurance rates with improvements in fire defense.

All assessable property within the city, both land and buildings, is being re-valued for the purpose of equalizing assessments, but with no idea of increasing total assessed valuations or general revenue.

BERKELEY BANKS EXPAND

Financial development in Berkeley and the demand upon banks to finance expanding business have made it necessary for both the First Berkeley Branch of the Mercantile Trust Company and the First National Bank in Berkeley to enlarge their banking quarters.

The Mercantile Trust Company will erect a five-story addition to its present quarters. The new addition will occupy the forty feet south of the bank on Shattuck avenue, and the lower floor will form a part of the general banking rooms. Improvements will represent an investment of approximately \$250,000.

Entrance to the main banking quarters will be through a new portal on the street level of the new addition, and the main banking floor will be reached by a wide marble stairway. Floor space will be doubled by the improvement, new deposit and storage vaults will be constructed and new elevators installed.

The First National Bank has already started work on the erection of an addition to its building. The new section will occupy a frontage of 50 feet on Center street adjoining the present structure.

Foundation and walls will be constructed to carry a six-story building, although but two stories are to be erected at this time. The new structure will double present floor space, and give larger basement quarters for safe deposit boxes. It is estimated that the development, including both building and land, will involve an investment of \$250,000.

Completion of the new Shattuck Square Building is scheduled for June 15. The building occupies 287 feet on Shattuck between University and Addison, and will provide about twenty-six stores. The building is being erected at a cost of \$500,000.

Approximately \$285,000 is being expended in enlarging the quarters of J. F. Hink & Son. A one-story addition is to be erected with a frontage of 138 feet on both Kittredge and Harold way, changes made

in the store and additional fixtures and stock installed. Floor space will be more than doubled. Plans call for the erection of a three-story apartment atop the one-story addition at a later date.

Another important expansion is the erection of three additional stories to the present one-story Whitecotton Building on the west side of Shattuck between Bancroft and Durant, a frontage of 260 feet. The additional stories will be of reinforced concrete and the extra floors will provide business space and apartments.

Completion date for the new Chamber of Commerce Building, which is being erected by the Mercantile Trust Company, has been set for September 1. This building is a twelve-story structure, Berkeley's first skyscraper.

Theatre construction in Berkeley has been unusually active. The Campus Theatre on Bancroft way has been completed. Work is now going forward on a \$150,000 theatre for West Berkeley. This building is located on San Pablo between Delaware and Hearst. It will have a seating capacity of 1500.

A \$250,000 theatre building is also designed for a site at College and Claremont. It will have a seating capacity of 1800, and in addition will provide ten offices and six stores.

A combined office and store building to cost \$200,000 will be constructed at College and Ashby, and \$125,000 will be expended in erecting a six-story store and apartment building at Bancroft way and Union street. The building will provide thirty-five two-room apartments for the use of University students. The Medical Properties Company plans another hospital for Berkeley, the building to be five stories high and of reinforced concrete.

June 1 has been fixed as the date for the construction of a new building at the southwest corner of Shattuck and University by the Bancitaly Corporation.

While Berkeley generally is the center of building activity, important construction projects are going forward, also, on the University of California campus.

More than \$1,000,000 is being expended in the erection of the Hearst group, including the women's gymnasium, known as Hearst Hall, and an auditorium to be known as the Phoebe Hearst Memorial.

The gymnasium building is now nearing completion and is expected to be ready for use in August.

The gymnasium is a huge reinforced concrete structure, with a frontage of 320 feet along Bancroft way and a depth of 220 feet. It will be two stories in height, will have five gymnasium rooms and 3000 lockers. It will include also a memorial room to Mrs. Hearst, and administrative offices. The memorial room will be used as lounging quarters for women students. While no lunches will be served in the building, a warming service will be provided where coffee may be made.

In addition to the main building, there will be three outdoor swimming pools, the largest of these being 100 by 50 feet.

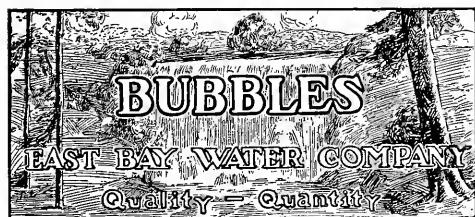
The Phoebe Hearst Memorial will be constructed north of the gymnasium, and will provide one of the best appointed auditoriums on the campus.

A survey of building in Berkeley shows that building activity is well distributed through the city. Zoning plans call for a proper restriction and segregation of building in order that the various districts of the city especially adapted for certain types of business, manufacturing and homes may be used for the purpose for which they are best fitted.

An important step in industrial progress is the establishment of definite areas advantageous to factories, which demand rail and water transportation for quick and easy shipping.

Manufacturing development in Berkeley is being aided by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, the city and the business community, so that an orderly expansion may take place, permitting a diversification of industry which will eliminate great peaks and great valleys in production. Elimination of such fluctuations keeps labor employed continuously, provides steady pay rolls and consequently makes for more substantial business development.

General development in Berkeley is well rounded, taking in all important factors in the expansion of a city. Business, civic and governmental leaders have a broad view of the future, and are planning now the improvements necessary to place Berkeley in a position to meet adequately the problems which arise in connection with a rapidly expanding financial, industrial, residential and educational center.



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THE WATER HABIT

WATER drinking at other than meal times is a matter for serious consideration of the part of everyone who wishes to keep physically fit. For so varied is the relationship of this liquid to life, that its food-helping phase is only a part of its function.

Water speeds up all the vital processes—and while bathing is beneficial to health, the value of water is to be obtained chiefly through drinking it. Water is a powerful gastric stimulant and people in normal health need have no fear of drinking it with their meals. The human body is nearly two-thirds water, which takes precedence over every other element to support life. It is the magic medium through which all nutritive elements are carried into and through the body and there held in necessary suspension; the ever-ready and life-sustaining and body-building ma-

terial where and as needed; the prime messenger which distributes heat, moisture and oxygen. Even when we sleep, every breath exhaled bears with it a certain amount of moisture.

Don't forget to drink! Body hygiene demands it. Also, that which is made chiefly of water, and sustained primarily by water, must be well supplied. It is the drink of drinks—the life-giver and the life-retainer. "Honest water, which ne'er left man in the mire," as Shakespeare says.

PERSONABLE PEOPLE

Some people are agreeable, while others are disagreeable by nature. The agreeable person proceeds upon the theory that every person he meets is an opportunity in his life. He understands that it is almost impossible to hate or dislike another person if a sincere effort is made to know that person as he is. To really know another person is to find in that individual at least one lovable characteristic.

"TO KNOW ALL, IS TO FORGIVE ALL."

The agreeable person realizes the wide influence of every life. He tries to give to all a positive impression. He is decent and courteous to all, and especially to those who, because of inferior position in life, have come to expect rudeness from others. He rejoices in the successes of others and has a word of encouragement for all honest attempts that have resulted in failure. A smile of friendliness and a thank you pay dividends. Let us all try today and every day to be agreeable.

The agreeable person knows that goodwill is the international password to the inner circle of the Ancient Order of Personable People, and never changed.

ROUGH EDGES

The habit of impatience has a demoralizing effect on us and undermines our better selves. It is mostly with others that we display the rough edges of our characters.

A little self-control, a smile that won't hurt us, a desire to be truthful and a resolve to be charitable will make us and those around us happier and we will really get something wonderful out of each new day through the human contacts we all make one with another.

"BUBBLES" from OUR CORRESPONDENTS

OAKLAND · BERKELEY
ALAMEDA · RICHMOND
CORPORATION YARD

GENERAL OFFICES.—On Friday evening, April 16th, there was a large attendance of the members of Bubbles Social Club at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. This was one of the most enjoyable dances the club has given. A perfect moonlight night, a good orchestra and floor contributed to the success of the party. Ice cream and cake, of course.

This year our annual banquet brought home to all of us very forcibly the fact that our company is growing and keeping pace with the development of the East Bay district. One hundred and sixty-nine employees enjoyed this year's entertainment, a large increase over



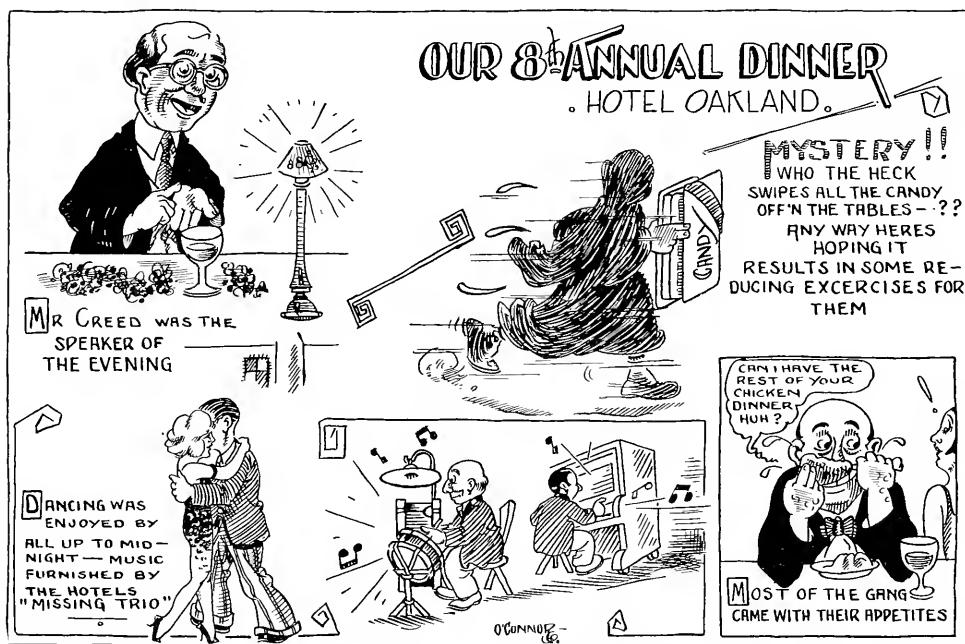
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Correspondent

the year before. Our president, Edwin O. Edgerton, acted as toastmaster, but it was not necessary to introduce the speaker of the evening, our former president, Wiggington E. Creed. His talk was intensely interesting and we were happy to have him with us. Mr. Creed recently returned from Europe and made an instructive comparison of labor and living conditions, also power costs. He dwelt on the happy years he had spent with this Company. Our president and vice-president and general manager then thanked all the employees for their splendid co-operation and loyalty. After a bountiful dinner, dancing was enjoyed.

George Hunter recently installed an ant-proof cooler for the convenience of the girls on the fourth floor.

Gladys Townsend is a new typist in the stenographic and files department.

Since the last issue of BUBBLES the following promotions are noted: Harry Reinhardt as Assistant to General Manager, Fred J. Klaus, Chief Engineer, Paul E.



Magerstadt and George W. Hawley as Assistant Chief Engineers. The boys have all been with this Company since its inception and we are happy for this recognition of their faithful service.

Edna May Edstrom as a comptometer operator is handling the work formerly done by Belle Bruggere.

The following new employes are noted: Fred Hafren at Alvarado Pumping Plant, W. Q. Grostrong as sanitary patrolman on San Leandro Watershed, Tom Halnan in the blow-off department, J. J. Toomey and Frank Singleton at San Leandro Filters, Charles Peckham as pumper at Ninety-second avenue. James Hacket and H. Halvorsen have been transferred to the San Lorenzo booster. J. Poutis has been employed as a gardener for the summer.

Belle Bruggere has taken a leave of absence and is enjoying a rest far from the second floor of the Company.

On Monday, May 10th, Ida Gibson entertained the members of her department at her home on Nicol avenue. Of course, Myrtle, Ethel and Virginia were there.

Through the generosity of the Company all of our girls are entitled to swim in the Y. W. C. A. tank every Tuesday evening at 5:30. An instructor is provided and everyone is urged to take advantage of this offer. Don't forget, every Tuesday at 5:30.

OAKLAND BUSINESS OFFICE.—Straw Kelly time and lotta news.

Fritz is dabbling in oil.

Ann is trying to keep sylph-like.

Kathryn is eating raisins for pep.

Ralph Hoffman is making numerous unaccountable trips to Hayward lately.

Beulah hums "Baby Mine" from 8:30 to 5:30. That's what a chicken dinner will do.

Arvilla can't decide between Los Angeles and Salt Lake for her vacation. Salt Lake is all right, but this Los Angeles idea is a new one. Vaughn's probably moaning, "Tho' she's true to two or three, as long as one of them is me, it's nobody's business."

It is with pleasure that Vevy Astra is introduced in this issue. She presides at the bill counter and she confesses that she just loves a good drink (of tea).

Marjorie Wellman is now Mrs. Robert O. Praell with two dots over the "e," please. She was married in the patio of the Interdenominational Church, Wednes-

day, May 12th, at 2 o'clock. She wore a Boue Souer dress, a picture hat, and carried an old-fashioned bouquet. Their honeymoon was spent at Monterey and Carmel,

Bill Walton beat Marge's time just eleven days and married Paige Clement. They, too, went to Monterey.

There's no getting around it, there's something about those old wind-swept pines and the miles and miles of white beaches with blue sky and water as far as you can see and funny little tea rooms and old missions. If you think there's no romance except in the movies you haven't been to old Monterey.

And again the Bubbles Club does herself proud. This time it's a sports dance at the Encinal Yacht Club. The members have trotted from one side of the town to the other for this committee, but the rewards are so worth-while that it's been decided that nothing this side of Los Angeles will stop us from getting to them. The crowd certainly turned out in its holiday regalia. There were knickers, flannels, sport socks, ditto sweaters, bright polka dots, brighter checks, and color, color, color everywhere. The music was conducive to high stepping. The ice cream and cookies lasted better—oh, much better—than ever before. The boating and canoeing—well, that, to be very truthful, was mostly local color, but the committee is forgiven for that. Anyhow, try and beat their dances if you can.

Mrs. Leland Creighton, our used-to-be Helen Bauer, paid us a most welcome visit not so long ago. It was mighty good to see her come in the old front door just like she used to, and "Nellie's" same sweet smile was there. There's "Welcome" on the mat any time, any day, for Helen.

Polly has been very ill the past month, but Ray keeps us well posted and the last report was very favorable. If well wishes mean anything, Polly will be mountain climbing and pole vaulting and liking it.

The little vacant desk in the office is filled again. Bob Elliott is back at the old port and his unbeatable disposition is still hitting on all six.

Norman Doyle, the boy that's vieing with the Arrow collars advertisements, is now J. P. Fieberling's right-hand man along with Paul, so Fritzie Goetz jumped into a new desk and now reigns supreme among the collectors. The story goes that,

after much strenuous effort, a lot of time, and a few words (?), Fritz opened the vault amid the applause of the public.

George Kling Brandner, the blond sheik collector, is now sporting a new Maxwell sedan, having traded in his cozy coupe for this orphan. Have you had a ride in it yet? Not yet, Georgette.

CENTRAL BILLING BUREAU.—The class will now come to order. Our subject this morning will be "Water."

First we will be favored with a duet by Nellie Voigt and Winnie Hylton, entitled "Reign, King Rain."

Drop-drop on earth's bosom
Little sparks of rain;
Hark! Hark! Pattering music
As it strikes the pane.

Drink-drink sweet, soft nectar,
Gurgle down my throat,
Purge-purge inward sector,
Drink until I bloat.

List-list, hear us figure
Swiftly runs the pen;
Bills-bills growing bigger,
Rain more rain again.

Lucile Small will now recite:

Dry-dry as desert sands
The brook churned by in laughter,
Bubbling as I washed my hands
In a bowl of invisible water.

A word from Helen Kelley:

Oh, lofty mountains, eternal snows,
Your treasures are most golden,
But without the rains that winter blows,
Such praise would ne'er be spoken.

Kind words from Zetta Dunstan:

There is a water oak
A watermelon, too,
But the wat-er get your goat
Is your Waterloo.

A verse from Edith Harrington:

From Greenland's icy mountains
Storm clouds in full command
Brings Nature's bursting fountain,
Inundating fertile lands.

And now we hear from Hazel Madison:
The jewels of the snowflake and sparkle of dew
Shimmering rivers and meadows like new,
Tears of emotion, sorrow and laughter,
Speaks throughout nature the beauties of water.

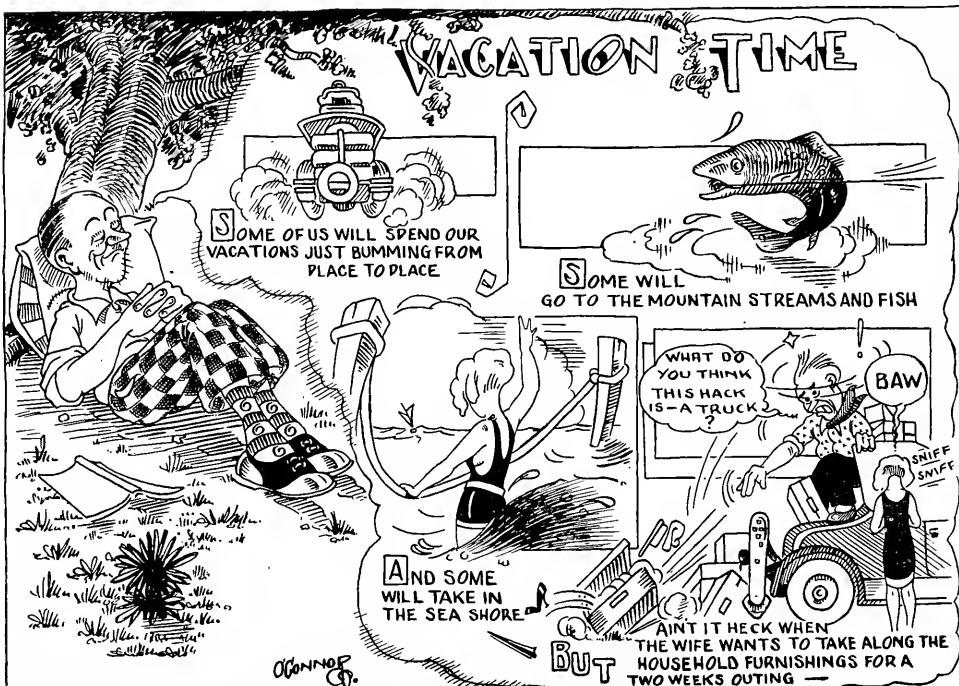
The say of Marion Schwartz:

The emerald lake in the mountain nestles,
The brook in the meadow sings softly all day,
The thirst of the birds, the rose and the thistle
Alike unto water true homage do pay.

Ruby Brandt now speaks:

I bathe myself each Saturday night,
From this rule I never falter;
To wash myself is such a delight
In pure filtered East Bay Water.

(Stout girls should take notice.—Ed.)



CORPORATION YARD

DENNY BROSMAN of Nash fame is now on a visit to the Emerald Isle, his native home. We wish to advise that raffles are off until his return.

The Yard has evidently become the "happy hunting ground" of auto salesmen, judging by the number of new machines one sees around.

Amaral, our Yard janitor, considers that business is "picking up," according to the nails and pieces of paper he salvages in a day.

Jack Griffin breathed a sigh of relief and satisfaction last week when he moved to his recently purchased home in Berkeley. The date has not yet been fixed for the house-warming.

"Who's who, around the Yard?" you say is what you want to know. "Who's 'Zook'?" you say, and "who's the 'Duke' and who's this 'Honey Joe'?"

Well, Zook's the boy that plays the sax, And steps so nice and dainty, And every time he meets the boys They say, "The kid's good, ain't he?"

The "Duke" is Mr. Standiford, Known to all as Roy; He's the tool-man in his overalls— When they are off he is "some hoy."

"Honey Joe" is Jasper, The man that sprays the paint; He surely makes the Ford machines Look like what they ain't.

Bill Schlinker says:

"You can buy your Hudson coaches And your Oaklands, if you like, But I am through with such expense, I'll buy a Motorbike."

The "irregular" feed of the Turn-off Department took place Wednesday evening, May 5th. The eats were good and the dinner was enjoyed by all, with the exception of Dave Barry, who went to sleep during the second course, but woke up suddenly when the waiter tried to take his plate away with a small piece of French bread on it. Dave hollered, scared the



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waiter and got the bread back. After the third cup of coffee David started to tell funny stories, which were thoroughly enjoyed (by himself). Frank Pretti had telephone calls from several wives during the afternoon asking him to look after their hubbies and see that they got home early and in good condition. Of course Frank said he would. John Whitaker rashly promised to meet his wife downtown at 9 o'clock. She was on time, but was he? The rest of the bunch were in good shape and feeling fine, but the next morning—"not so good." Two guests, Messrs. Klaus and Farrell, arrived a little late. Their alibi was the 18th hole on the golf course must have been misplaced—although they arrived in good condition.

Introducing—

"Captain Bill and his famous cruiser 'Sneeze,' the pride of the Oakland Estuary."

At the helm stands Skipper Bill,
And in his mouth a fresh lit pill,
With one hand on the throttle,
By his side a bottle of "hardwads."

"Gee, what a thrill!"
And the captain, "Skipper Bill,"
Is a merry sailor lad,
For his life is free and glad,
When he is sprayed by the breeze,
On the deck of the famous "Sneeze."

Oh, the "Sneeze" is a gallant craft,
Also dirty for'd and aft,
For she breasts the foaming crest,
Tossed upon the billow's breast.
Then Skipper Bill bursts in song,
Thinking of singing nothing wrong:
Oh, it's heave-ho,
When the trade winds blow,
And the waves dash fiercely high.
Oh, the life on the high sea
Is the sailor's life for me,
With a bottle of rum, heave-ho.

M. Deservi.

SOCIETY NOTES

Assistant Auditor W. F. McLaughlin recently called on Marshal Glenovich in Albany.

Richard Reilly was recently a house guest of Judge Gannon in San Leandro.

Salvatoro Montano visited Lieutenant Hemphill at the Oakland City Hall and left two dollars.

Frank Pretti recently visited with Judge Terry at Pinole.

John Zimmerman recently visited with the Police Department at Sonoma.

L. L. Farrell was cordially invited to attend Judge Hall's reception, but sent his regrets.

Where does Bill Schlinker obtain his firewood?

Blaine Becker sure is one lucky guy. Takes one girl to a party and returns with two. (At other times he is not so lucky.)

Claire Belding claims he rejoices that Jack Francis is getting fat—the old vests just fit Claire.

We know why John Zimmerman discarded a coupe for a sedan. He can haul a larger family.

Claire is now the proud possessor of a new vest. He states that if Jack gains 13 pounds more he can wear the rest of the suit.

W. C. (Wild Bill) Flinner, lord over all timekeepers, goes around with a worried look these days. He can't decide whether to drive his Chevrolet or his Hudson to work. What say, Frances?

George Hunter, the cautious Caliph of Company Carpenters, went into a bank the other day and on gaining the president's ear, negotiated for a loan of ten dollars, offering as security \$150,000 worth of Liberty bonds. The banker, knowing our genial Georgie, immediately offered a ten spot out of his own pocket, saying that the security was unnecessary. But George stood firm and the loan was made on the \$150,000 security at 7 per cent interest per annum.

"Do you mind," asked the banker, "telling me why you put up such a large security on such a small loan?"

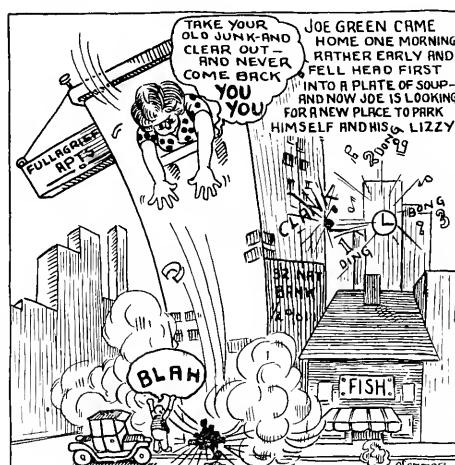
"Not at all," answered George. "The interest on ten dollars at 7 per cent would be seventy cents a year, wouldn't it?"

"Yes," said the banker; "seventy cents."

"Well," George replied, "where can I get a safe deposit box for seventy cents a year?"

As to whether it was Joe Jasper or Harry Agnew, probably will never be known, but suspicion is stored in the mind of Joey Green that one of these "guys" tied a coffee can underneath his Ford coupe. After leaving the Yard, he says he heard a rattle, or to be more correct, an unusual rattle, and thinking naturally that something had

worked loose, thought it best to pull in a garage and have an inspection made, for he had planned to make a trip to Ukiah. After two garagemen had assured him that everything was in perfect condition, Joey's courage arose to such a degree that he started on his 200-mile trip, accompanied by Mrs. Green. Before a mile of the journey had been covered Mrs. Green remarked that the car sounded like an old tin can. So Joey made another inspection, but without success. Upon arriving at Petaluma the strain became so great that Joey was determined to locate the "unusual" rattle or return home. After searching all over and under the car he at last found the coffee can with a half-inch nut wired in it tied underneath the rear compartment. So ended Joey's anxiety about his machine and the probability of him having a nervous breakdown.



PLEASE USE YOUR IMAGINATION

Can you imagine—

Becker buying?

Dave Barry on time?

Cutte not bumming "cigs"?

Howard Hart late for work?

Harriet Boardman with wings?

Carl Forgey not ordering material?

Bill Schlinker not looking for wood?

Andrew Gawley not catching the 4:20?

Bill Flinner turning down a duck hunt?

West and DeMello running a Marathon?

Dick Zeiner home on Saturday afternoons?

Claire Belding not talking with his hands?

Mickey O'Brien staying away from Cotati?

Jessie Wishart walking up town for lunch?

Ben Gerlach with his hair parted in the middle?

CAN YOU IMAGINE—(Continued)

Leo Farrell tongue-tied?
 Joey Green drinking milk?
 Jasper with two-way pockets?
 Gabe Sanderson not in the clear?
 Art Sparrow in a swimming suit?
 Roy Waterman not singing blues?
 Dutch Kretz running a locomotive?
 L. L. Farrell buying a new machine?
 Kirby leaving the telephone unlocked?
 Porter not having some pick-up orders?
 Ethel Aronson driving her Star up town?
 Walter Anderson not boasting Lake county?
 Harry Agnew answering his telephone calls?
 Jack Horan going home with young O'Brien?
 Esther Swan not wanting to go back to Kentucky?
 Bert Dohms starting for lunch without his harem?
 Grace Pillotti not looking for a letter from Berryessa?
 Charles Moore not bringing his English cup cakes?
 Marilla Williams not wanting to go to Los Angeles?
 Les Travers paying for long distance telephone calls?
 Harriet Boardman not asking questions about her Ford?
 Shorty Wyman looking for 10-inch pipe in the boneyard?
 Jack Zimmerman going to bed at 8 o'clock every night?

You have, no doubt, stretched your imagination quite a bit. But, can you imagine—
 Paddy Horan loafing?
 Steve without a marcel?
 Roy Staniford in a hurry?
 Mr. Stevens singing soprano?
 Ray Lange doing the Charleston?
 Jack Francis wearing Gawley's suit?
 Shorty Wyman saying "No, thank you"?
 Denny Brosnan raffling off another car?
 Esther Heidekker going to lodge every night?
 Jack Zimmerman speaking to a pedestrian friend when driving his Hudson?

Heard in the oil station:

Jasper—I think I have a cold or something in my head.
 Sands—It must be a cold.

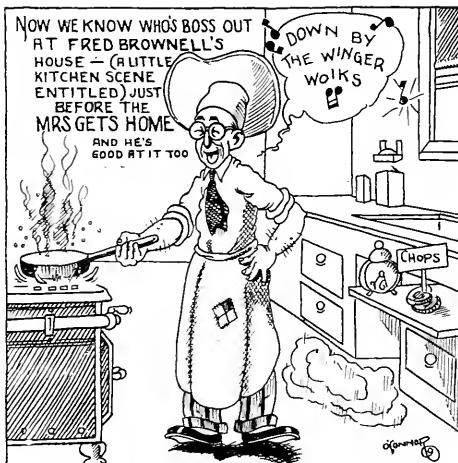
Griffin—What kind of cigarettes do you smoke, Joey?
 Joey—Robinson Crusoes.
 Griffin—Robinson Crusoes?
 Joey—Yeh—castaways.

Harriet Boardman, who recently bought a new Ford roadster, not only admires Fords but Ford salesman. Strange what things a Ford can do!

THE TIMEKEEPER'S LAMENT

By CLAIRE W. BELDING

If you're waking call me early, call me in the midst of night;
 Oh, ye gods, how I am worried! my extension's shy on pipe.
 They are calling, calling loudly, "Turn them in to Mr. Flinn."
 But how can I face the music? I have worried till I'm thin.
 Juggle figures, pad the gate pots, measure it all o'er and o'er,
 But, by Heck, it will not balance; always as 'twas before.
 I have scanned each memoranda, tallied even every single sheet.
 Paced each foot of land adjacent till I've about worn out my feet.
 Blamed the welder, and the junk man—everyone's to blame these days;
 Yet I'm still a lot of pipe shy, that is why I look so dazed.
 I am ageing, slowly fading, simply can not sleep at night,
 Just because I did not measure EACH DAY, ditch and also pipe.
 If you're waking call me early, call me early, mother, dear;
 This Extension has to balance even if it takes a year.
 Do not put off for tomorrow that which you should do EACH DAY.
 So that when they call you on the carpet, hand them in and hear them say,
 "That's the way to run this business—close them up within a day."



Fred Brownell is up in the air. He says he is blamed if he "does not" and blamed if he "does." These remodeled "old time" houses look like anything but an apartment house. Fred says, "How can I tell there are fifteen families packed in one of 'em?"

Dame Rumor has it that Jack Zimmerman is to be a "June bride."

BERKELEY DISTRICT

BERKELEY is beyond doubt a city of achievement. Its rapid growth and development have made it pre-eminently a figure among all cities of its size in the United States, for since its inception in 1865 as the most beautiful spot in California for the site of a university its population has more than doubled with each succeeding census. From a few small buildings clustered at the foot of the University it has grown to a city of 75,000, famous as the art, musical and cultural center of the entire West. Nor is this all. Its police department is nationally famous as the most exact, most scientific and most efficient in the United States. Its University is the second largest in the world, being exceeded in size only by Columbia, and finally, its home value per capita is fourth in the United States.

Though fundamentally a city of beautiful homes, art, and culture, its industrial importance is great, for its waterfront is dotted with industrial plants of mammoth size, and representing huge capital.

This rapid growth is due to a number of things—its ideal location, its climate—but the basis of it all, when resolved to its elements is the utmost co-operation of all its people, its business men and its residents.

One of the dark-haired, dark-eyed queens of our office recently became queen and absolute monarch of a whole kingdom with many devoted subjects awaiting her beck and call, for since Emily Purcell became Mrs. Victor Marengo their flat represents a kingdom and Victor a people—at least to themselves.

Electa Musgrave, our diving Venus, is taking up her dancing lessons again. Probably she is contemplating joining Teddy Shawn's dancing girls.

We are all glad to welcome Eleanor Gerrie to our office force and hope she will enjoy her stay with us.



T. N. CRAFTS
Correspondent

Ralph Boyd, the Beau Brummel of the golf links, has burst out in a brand-new outfit of golf knickers and his slim lines have caused many a sigh in the hearts of feminine golfers. His swing is that of a champion, but for some unfortunate reason he cannot seem to connect with the elusive pill.

"Then deck the festive board, let joy reign unconfined"; "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we diet." These were only a few of the numerous expressions of joy heard at the bean feed given at the Berkeley office a certain evening in March. The whole force turned out to eat everything from pickled onions to limburger cheese, not to mention beans in every shape, fashion and form. It was a very enjoyable evening and lasted away into the small hours of the night—in fact, the last revelers didn't leave until 8:30 p.m.

Walter Stoddard is budding forth in a brand-new Dodge coupe. Walt will have the pleasure of touring Southern California on his vacation in *solid* comfort.

By the way, in speaking of new cars, our own Dick Holroyd gave us a surprise the other day also. Dick turned in his cherished winged steed for a new five-passenger John Henry.

There is a rumor in the air that Cupid is about to throw one of his fatal darts at a certain individual by the name of William Walton. Bill, one of the star collectors of Abe Solomon's troupe, the "Dancing Dervishes," is soon to bid good-bye to his bachelor freedom. We wish you all the luck in the world, Bill.

In addition to having such remarkable talent in this office as dancing girls, diving Venuses and the Neapolitan Trio, we think we can boast of a violin virtuoso in the person of Valborg "Bill" Heidekker.

Jack Hansen appears to be unlucky these days. His great source of trouble seems to originate in his eyes. Ask Jack what happened on a certain evening last month. Ye scribe would suggest his purchasing a pair of present day-night binoculars.

Mabel Smith, recently of Oakland office, has taken the place of Nellie Knox, who has resigned. Mabel's time is pretty well occupied these days in explaining to all us Berkeleyans just how "It's" done in Oakland.

ALAMEDA DISTRICT

ALTHOUGH construction gangs have been at work for months on the tube, it is not yet apparent to the layman just how much has been accomplished. This is due to the fact that most of the time has been taken up with the building of cofferdams, and the setting of frames under water which are to serve as forms for the pouring of concrete for the foundation. Only when this preliminary work is completed, the foundations are in place, and work on the superstructure commenced will one be able to realize the tremendous size of the undertaking.

The Boyle Manufacturing Company, which has a factory located in Los Angeles, has purchased a full block of land located on the southwest corner of Oak street and Clement avenue, upon which a modern factory for the manufacturing of galvanized products will be erected. This company has been operating a small plant on Park street, but the increase of business has made it necessary to secure larger quarters. Work has already started, so that the plant will be in operation some time in the fall.

The Fernside tract is rapidly filling up with beautiful new homes. It is very interesting to note the different types of buildings, all of which seem to have been designed with special care so that beauty is blended with utility, making ideal homes among beautiful surroundings.

The new high school is now receiving the finishing touches and will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall term. The city of Alameda can well be proud of this building and very fortunate indeed are the coming generations of children who will be provided with an institution of learning which will rank with the best in the country.

Alameda is soon to boast of another new bank. Construction of the vaults is now under way and it is expected that before



GEO. A. MCKEAN
Correspondent

the end of summer the doors will be thrown open for business. The organizers of this bank, who are all prominent men of this city, have shown their faith in their home town and deserve success.

The town of Richmond, known as our northern division, is to be congratulated upon the opening of her new municipal swimming tank. Now Richmond is certainly in the swim and from the way the young folks are taking to the water it looks as though Richmond would soon be known as a developer of swimmers of champion caliber. So it behooves the swimmers of the East Bay cities to brush up on the latest crawl strokes lest they be taken into camp by these young huskies of the north.

A stock selling campaign for a community hotel has just come to a successful close. This means that the citizens of Alameda have subscribed enough money to erect a modern apartment hotel. The unique feature of this hotel is that it will be a combination of apartment house and hotel, which will have the advantage over the usual apartment house in that the occupants of apartments will have an up-to-date lobby in which to sit and enjoy the activities incident to hotel life. Another feature will be the large ballroom, which no doubt will be the scene of many very enjoyable affairs. In fact, this will be a real community hotel around which all the social activities of the town will center.

Now is the time of year when meter readers' minds anxiously turn to thoughts of gophers. The results of this month's observation determine whether the next crop is active or just so-so, which is a very important point, as a meter reader's work increases in direct proportion to the activity of the gopher. Several suggestions, such as putting oil rock or concrete in the box, have been offered, but to date this little night worker has overcome all handicaps and may still be found at the old stand plying the only trade he knows, shoving dirt into the meter boxes.

Increased transportation facilities across San Francisco Bay are about to be realized. There are two competing lines that are anxious to install a ferry system which will carry automobiles between San Francisco and Alameda.

RICHMOND DISTRICT

THE opening of trout season found Wendell LaFranz raring to go. He and some friends journeyed many miles into the high Sierras in quest of the very illusive, shiny fish. The result was "as per usual." Better luck to you next time, Wendell.

Each year is but an echo of those gone before, and this office finds itself at that particular part of the present "echo" called "vacation season." With only three good months to choose from it is rather difficult for everyone to obtain a satisfactory time. My plaint is: Why, oh, why! oh, why!

Does everyone want July?

In addition to their beautiful home, just recently completed, Mr. and Mrs. LaFranz are the proud possessors of a beautiful new Nash sedan. If we did not have certain knowledge to the contrary, we might suspect them of bootlegging.

The Point Richmond portion of new mains to be laid under city contract for fire protection is nearing completion. This work is being done under the supervision of Foreman Betterton, with the able assistance of Timekeeper Belding.

Foreman Charles Andrini and men are now completing the mains ordered in El Cerrito. The fire hydrants (over eighty in number) are all about ready for use of the newly organized fire department of that city.

The popularity of the Richmond Municipal Natatorium is best shown by the large daily attendance since the opening on March 20, 1926. The increasing attendance has necessitated the building of over three hundred locker rooms on the upper balcony to relieve the overcrowding of the men's dressing rooms. During April the total bathers numbered 10,307 and the receipts were \$3,514.30. This is very gratifying to the members of the city council. It has been found that a large proportion of the crowds which have been



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attending the bathhouse are from Berkeley and Oakland and other nearby cities. "Better than any other around the bay" is their comment when asked their opinion of the bathhouse.

The many friends of Mrs. Tom Nixon, nee Rita Arnold, formerly of this office, will welcome with pleasure the news of the arrival in their family of a baby boy.

Foreman Elmer Wilson and men are now engaged in installing a new six-inch cast iron main to the new municipal open shed wharf number two, situated on the inner harbor at the old Ellis' embarcadero. The Tibbett-Pacific Company are now constructing this new wharf at a cost of nearly seventy-five thousand dollars to the city.

ODE TO THE BERKELEY OFFICE

Twas at San Pablo Filters, overlooking San Francisco Bay,
Where the purple shades of evening now fore-
shadowed the close of day,
And the sun, all bathed in yellow, sank behind
the Coast Range hills.
There behind the sheltering willows and eucalyp-
tus green
Came the hosts of Berkeley Office, 'twas our lot
to be their guests.
And they surely put it over and 'twas never
lacking zest.
Gathered round a blazing campfire, roasted,
toasted, each his own,
Till one's face was fairly blistered, but you heard
not e'en a moan.
Toasted, roasted, pounds of weiners, each em-
paled on a long, thin stick,
Bursting with delicious contents, believe me, too,
it was some trick.
Just as soon as yours was toasted, hop along to
tables spread—
Split him, spread him, thick with mustard, bury
him between the bread,
Add a little slice of pickle—now we get a tooth-
some bite!
Oh, what joy to be invited to a feast on Berkeley's
night!
Coffee steaming, real cream, also. Goodness!
When did I eat last?
Seems to me I am just breaking from a two or
three weeks' fast.
Yes, we all enjoyed your efforts and we'll strive
to do our best
When you come to Richmond Office—well, we'll
not divulge the rest.

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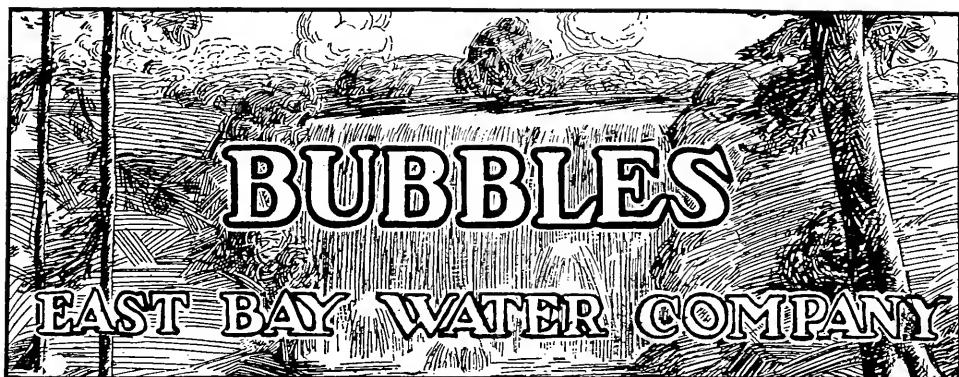
Yes, sir, the Berkeley Office was a won-
derful host and we enjoyed ourselves im-
mensely at their party. We are planning
to entertain in return and trust that our
affair will be as enjoyable,



IT has come to be an axiom of successful business that profit is not the sole end to be sought. Business success in whatever field is more and more the result of policies which look to give service to the public. The business which on the whole is likely to prosper most is that business which aims to give the customer something more than the mere commodity which he comes to buy.

—*Calvin Coolidge.*





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HIGHLAND HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL



THE new \$3,000,000 Highland Hospital, now being erected by Alameda County for the care of its sick poor, is rapidly nearing completion with the expectation that it will be ready for occupancy during the late summer.

The new hospital is located at Fourteenth Avenue and Vallelito Place in Oakland, approximately the center of population for Alameda County, since the hospital is designed to serve the entire county.

Completion of the new hospital is a goal toward which progressive citizens of Alameda County have been working for a decade. Ten years ago, hospital facilities for the poor were admittedly below desirable standards. The Alameda County Infirmary, fourteen miles from the center of Oakland, was practically the only institution available to the sick and destitute. The institution was by no means adequate, being housed in antiquated wooden buildings with equipment unsuited to efficient care of the patients.

Progressive citizens recognized that facilities were inadequate, that the long trip from the center of population to the hospital was dangerous to patients and inconvenient for physicians, and that a close-in hospital, located nearer to the center of population, was needed.

Consequently a movement was started for the construction of a modern hospital in Oakland. After careful investigation, property was purchased in 1917 at the present site of the Highland Hospital in what was then known as the Highland Park district. The original purchase contained about $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and since that time an additional 5 acres has been purchased, giving almost 15 acres of available land.

The property has many natural advantages. It is elevated, and while considerable grading was necessary to accommodate the general building plan, the total cost of the site was no greater than the cost of one less favorably located. The site also commands a marvelous view of Oakland and the bay. Another advantage lies in the triangular shape of the property which has permitted the construction of the main buildings on the diagonal rather than on the rectangular plan,

With the service building practically in the center of the triangle, distances to the connecting ward buildings are shortened appreciably both in the present structures and in the additional units which naturally will be constructed as need develops.



DR. R. G. BRODRICK,
DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL, ALAMEDA COUNTY
The Langley Studio,

Construction plans were formulated with the view to future expansion. The service building, kitchen, laboratories, X-ray equipment, operating rooms and other facilities are of such size as to provide complete service for 1500 beds, the ultimate capacity of the hospital. At the present time it will be opened with 400 beds.

What is known by hospital experts as the corridor-pavilion type of construction has been adopted and worked out in the erection of Highland Hospital. This par-

ticular design permits direct communication between ward buildings on every floor, a convenience which was not incorporated in older types of hospitals. Arrangement of ward buildings is such as to eliminate shadows, and thereby provide the maximum amount of air and sunlight.

Highland Hospital is designed to provide hospitalization for the acutely sick only. Chronic and convalescent patients will be sent to the Alameda County Infirmary, where provision has been made for treating chronic cases and where convalescents may be out-of-doors. By furnishing the best possible hospital care for patients the period of illness can be reduced and patients, therefore, discharged in much shorter time than would be possible otherwise.

This plan of treatment makes better hospital service available at a comparatively low cost.

Highland Hospital is one of the finest buildings of its kind in the West. Because of the dire need for such a hospital, the original construction plan was started on a basis of an appropriation of \$300,000 a year out of the general tax levy, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors inaugurating the plan. Later it became apparent that this method of financing would not

give the best results as the completion and opening of the building would be long delayed. Consequently, a bond issue, amounting to \$1,800,000 was proposed and authorized by the voters of the county, the money derived from the bonds to be used for the completion and equipment of the buildings.

The triangular shape of the grounds naturally permits a distinctive main entrance at the corner of Fourteenth Avenue and Vallecito Place. A series of terraces and a double flight of steps lead from this entrance up to the administration building.

Directly behind the administration building is the service building. Flanking these two buildings are four ward buildings on Fourteenth Avenue and one ward building on Vallecito Place. Future expansion of the hospital will be made by construction of additional ward buildings on the Vallecito Place frontage. Sufficient ground space is available for these buildings when the growth of Alameda County makes this expansion of the building program necessary.

Beyond the ward buildings on Fourteenth Avenue is the pathological building in which are located the laboratories and related hospital departments. Next to the pathological building is a work court, adja-



HIGHLAND HOSPITAL FROM THE AIR

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cent to buildings containing the garage, workshop, incinerator room, linen room and similar departmental quarters. The power house stands at the end of the row of buildings on Fourteenth Avenue.

Inasmuch as the hospital is situated on a hill many feet higher than surrounding streets, it was necessary to work out carefully the approach roadways in order to obtain the required grades. The main service road enters the grounds on East Thirty-first Street, which borders the hospital grounds at the rear, and climbs an easy grade to the second floor of the service building, where supplies will be delivered.

The portion of the hospital grounds facing East Thirty-first Street is considerably higher than the rest of the property, therefore that part of the grounds has been terraced to conform to the general architectural and ground scheme.

The group of buildings for employees is located on this higher ground. These buildings are three in number, one for nurses, one for women employees, and the third for men employees.

A bridge will be constructed from the third floor level of the main hospital to the employees' group of buildings, crossing over the service driveway, and ending on the terrace at the rear of the nurses' home. It will connect with a covered walk, which is to be treated as a pergola with open lattice, over which vines will be trained.

Permanency has been the keynote in erecting the hospital buildings. Hospital structures have reinforced concrete walls and floors, while the employees' buildings have reinforced concrete walls, wood joists, and are finished with metal lath and plaster.

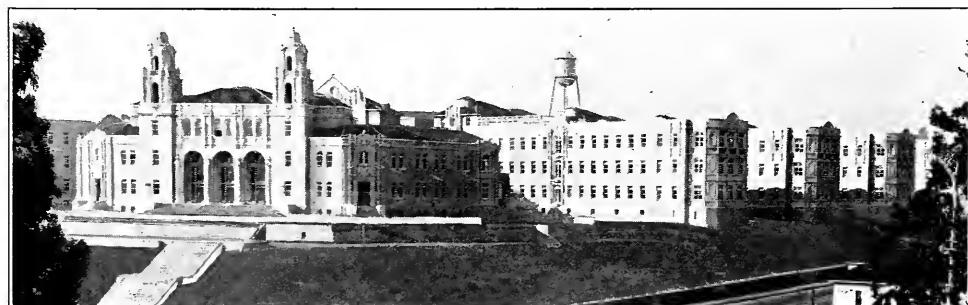
The style of architecture and decoration used in the hospital group is what is generally known as modified Spanish, this being considered appropriate to California.

In the interior finish, tile has been used for floors and for wall wainscoating. Tile was adopted not only for sanitary reasons but to eliminate plaster at points where experience shows that the most wear and tear occurs. The ultimate saving in repairs will more than justify the original cost of installing tile. Floor coverings are battleship linoleum.

A new departure in hospital construction is the elimination of "spotless white". A soft tone of gray buff was adopted as interior finish. This finish not only aids in practical cleanliness but creates a warmth of surroundings entirely absent in the brilliant white finish of other hospitals. Physicians assert that the new interior finish lightens labor and at the same time has a beneficial psychological effect upon patients.

In addition to medical and surgical facilities, the hospital will have its own laundry, a special diet kitchen, bakery, butcher shop, cold storage plant and special storage rooms for food, bedding, drugs and hospital supplies.

When finished and in operation, Highland Hospital will be one of the most complete hospital units to be found anywhere in the West. The building plan is well balanced, permitting of enlargement as Alameda County grows in population. Central units are so constructed and equipped as to take care of all future expansion. Roadways are so laid out as to give quick and easy access to all parts of the hospital group. The plan of parking and landscaping will create a beautiful setting for the main buildings.



GENERAL VIEW OF HIGHLAND HOSPITAL

With the improvement in the care of the sick in Alameda County during the last few years, the demand for hospitalization has greatly increased; hence the County Institutions Commission and the Board of Supervisors have found it necessary to investigate very carefully the applications for free service.

The Social Agent's office has been reorganized so that it now works in close co-ordination with the various health centers and welfare agencies, such as the Associated Charities, throughout the county. It also has become a contributor to the Social Service Exchange, so that the records of the exchange are available, with the exception of emergency cases, and efforts are now being made to conduct home investigations of all applicants when full information is not available concerning them.

Through the continued development of the Hospital Social Service, a thorough check is made of the financial condition of patients in the hospital; and through contact with outside agencies and by other means, the social service organization is able to find employment for patients when they are discharged from the hospital. Without this assistance, many of these patients would continue as charges upon the county.

The County Institutions Commission is composed of prominent men and women of the East Bay cities. It acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in the management of county institutions. The Commission makes a special study of institution problems and, with the assistance of its executives, works out a definite solution to each problem.

Dr. R. G. Brodrick, Director of Hospitals for Alameda County, is the executive officer of the Institutions Commission. He spent many months investigating hospital construction and design in connection with the erection of Highland Hospital, with the result that all of the latest and best methods in hospitalization have been incorporated in Alameda County's new institution.

Dr. Brodrick was director of San Francisco hospitals before coming to the East Bay some years ago, and it was under his supervision that the San Francisco Hospital was erected. He will be in charge of the operation of Highland Hospital, as well as other Alameda County hospitals.

THE PRICE OF IGNORANCE

By DR. FRANK CRANE

Probably the enemy of man which takes more toil than any other, not only in human life but in broken hearts, is ignorance.

Most sins arise in ignorance.

Most diseases are due to ignorance.

Most quarrels and misunderstandings come from ignorance.

The health of any community is directly in proportion to its intelligence.

It is strictly true that where there is no vision the people perish.

An incident illustrating this is cited in an advertisement of a firm which makes a preparation to purify water.

It is stated that the railroad shops at Bloomington, Illinois, had a dual water supply, one for drinking, the other for industrial purposes, fire protection, etc. The first was a pure, safe water obtained from the city water main, the second a polluted, unsafe, disease-laden water pumped from a nearby creek.

In the shops two systems were connected so that in case of need the industrial system could obtain water from city mains, the two being separated by a valve.

But this valve leaked!

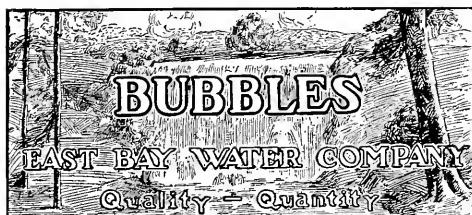
What happened?

Why, the defiled, murderous creek water passed through the leaky valve, entered the city water system, polluted the supply and caused fifteen deaths, 30 cases of typhoid fever, and 400 cases of intestinal trouble.

In former days such a visitation would have been treated by prayer and fasting, by votive offerings, and by a procession of priests. It would have been called a punishment of God.

It was nothing but sheer ignorance.

It is well to acknowledge the Deity, and to pray to Him for our needs, but prayer is not only a form of words or a desire of the heart. The true science of prayer is the adjustment of ourselves to the universe in which we live, and this adjustment not only must take account of God in His heaven and with the moral laws, but also of the microbes in the water supply.



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There is nothing like fun! God has made sunny spots in the heart; why exclude the light from them?

Frame your mind to mirth and merriment, which bars a thousand harms and lengthens life.

—Shakespeare.

VACATION

VACATIONS take us out of the rut and add to our health and happiness.

They “pep” us up and the beneficial effects remain for some time.

The young lady who goes to Monte Rio to rest has nothing on the young man who vibrates over ten states in two weeks in a “collegiate” Ford, while the fellow who loafes at home thinks he has reached the goal of vacation satisfaction. Then there is the engineering type of person. He spends many happy hours in advance pouring over maps, picking out cities and towns and camp sites. Another type will oil up the family “bus”, pile in the entire family, start for nowhere in particular and says enthusiastically “This is the life”.

From our vacations we bring home scores of photographs, diaries full of interesting details and enough material for pleasant memories to last for some time. They add to our physical well being on account of the rugged open air life which most vacations include.

The youthful instincts of play are sometimes obliterated by the wheel of life in its daily grind of business. We should try to retain this play instinct throughout the year for we cannot get all our fun during our vacations. A reasonable amount of play should be injected into our daily scheme of living. If we do this we will be in trim mentally and physically when vacation time comes again and be ready to get more pleasure out of our play spell because we won’t have to learn how all over again.

A HERITAGE OF PLEASANT MEMORIES

The most pleasant memories of our childhood are the times when our parents stopped their work to play with us. Character, sympathy and understanding is a far richer heritage than wealth. Time is the one thing of which we all have an equal share and it is one of the few things which can never be replaced. Use it wisely in growing with the children—not away from them.

TOLERANCE

Tolerance is the only real test of civilization. Notwithstanding this fact we can transform and rouse up what is coarsest in the hearts of our fellow creatures and crush what is finest in them by indulging in the pleasure of a sneer. Never bring a human being, however silly, ignorant or weak, above all; any little child—to shame or confusion by ridicule. Selfish and silly haste, petulance and suspicion can be replaced with charity, patience and mercy.

DON'T HAVE ANY

Speaking of enemies, don’t have them. Don’t fight. Don’t get even. Ignore. Life is too short for grudges and vengeance. Go on. Let the other fellow stew. You keep sweet. Nothing can punish him worse. If a man doesn’t like you, keep away from him. It’s a large, roomy world. And, thank God, there is always another side of the street.—*Selected*.

MAKE OAKLAND THE SAFEST CITY

ALWAYS a leader in community movements, Our Company took an active part in the great East Bay Safety Parade held May 22 under the auspices of the East Bay Safety Council.

The purpose of the parade was to drive home to all citizens the necessity for exercising care and the need of preventing accidents, which result in the death and injury of hundreds of East Bay residents every year.

Our Company was asked to prepare the keynote float of the parade. Men and women employes of the Corporation Yard undertook the job, and their artistic handiwork may be seen in the accompanying picture of the float.

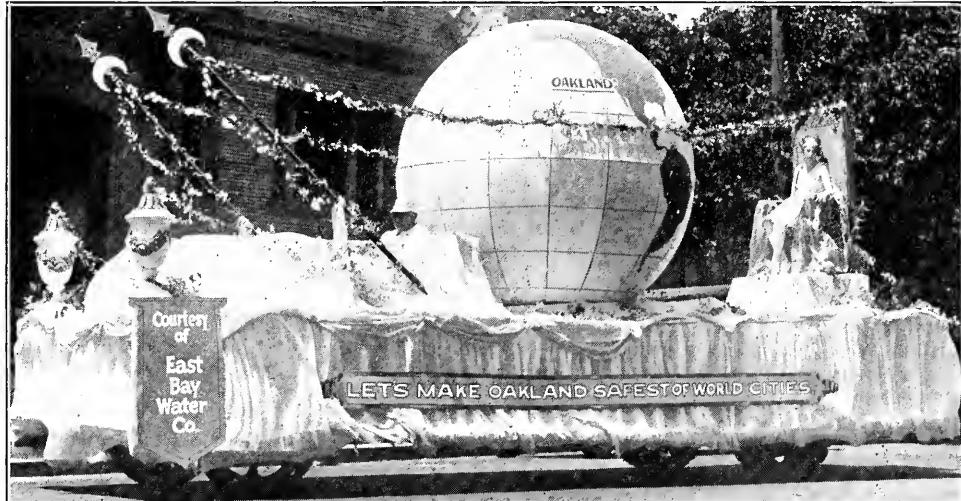
A huge globe representing the world was constructed upon a truck. Each half of the globe was painted to represent the western hemisphere, and the name of Oakland was emblazoned in large letters. Artistic scrolls appeared on each side of the float carrying the safety message, "Let's Make Oakland Safest of World Cities."

A golden throne was erected on the truck, also, and the throne occupied by a queen of our own, Harriet Boardman of the Corporation Yard, who appeared in the role of "Miss Oakland". Beulah Evans of the main office was the queen's attendant, and many were the complimentary ovations given the royal personages.

The float was one of the most impressive in the parade and won the admiration of enthusiastic spectators. On this occasion we must hand the palm of achievement to the Corporation Yard for its work.



SAYING GOOD-BYE TO THE QUEEN



"BUBBLES" from OUR CORRESPONDENTS

OAKLAND · BERKELEY
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CORPORATION YARD

GENERAL OFFICES.—Francys Wetherell, Marjorie Green, E'Lane and Esther Parker were at Rio Nido over Decoration Day. Esther says she believes in having a good time now so that when she gets old she will have "something to look back upon."

Morrill Westover and Bill Flinner enjoyed a three days' rest at Lake Tahoe recently.

Brenda Bliss has returned from her vacation, three days of which were spent at Calaveras and the balance of the time at the ranch learning the chicken business.

Henry Merrill has resigned to accept a position with Heafey, Moore and Company at Bodega Bay.

Henry Dahl has been employed as a caretaker on the Upper San Leandro Project.

Belle Bruggere spent her vacation on the Upper Russian River near Healdsburg. Myrtle Maddy rested at home for two weeks.

General Manager Wilhelm enjoyed his vacation at Seaside Beach, near Portland.

Arthur Murray had a month's furlough and was with us for that length of time.

H. J. Wickman has completed his work on the Upper San Leandro Project and is now in the main office, while Hugh Shamberger has accepted a position with George Posey, County Surveyor.

The sympathy of the employees of the Company is extended to Max Carash in the loss of his brother recently.

Helen Armstrong, Ida Gibson, Adelaide and Allen Drahner and Esther Parker spent their vacation at Strawberry on the American River and all report a wonderful time and good eats.

John R. Hunter attended the convention

of the Purchasing Agents at Los Angeles during the week of June 6th.

Buster Wyman journeyed to Monte Rio for his vacation and now is constantly talking about one particular auburn haired girl.

The following pumpers have been employed for the summer season: R. A. Spann at Pleasant Valley; W. A. Brooks at Berryman; Arthur Hansen at Fitchburg, and C. T. Braga at 92nd Avenue and Curtis Duncan has been employed as patrolman on Skyline Boulevard and Elwin Oliver on Grizzly Peak.

C. W. Hammond has been attending the University of Nevada and is again with us for the vacation season. Frank Cressy is also among those present for the summer.

Neil Cecil resigned his position recently and is now among the horn toads, gila monsters and rattlesnakes, somewhere near Phoenix. We were sorry to lose Neil but he assured us he would return some day.

H. J. Wickman has been transferred to the Land Department and Joe Cotterall has been transferred from the Yard to the engineering department.

On Thursday, June 17, Mable Savage was married in Minneapolis and is now Mrs. Sigurd Pederson. Congratulations, Mable. We knew there was some reason for that longing to return to the east again.

Ambrose Merrill Drinkwater has a hobby. Every evening he gets the base ball scores over the radio and keeps track of the standing of each club. If you get in a baseball dispute, call up "Drinky."

Myrtle Reimers has returned from Yosemite and reports a fine time and a rest.

On June 19th F. J. Bailey passed on. The sympathy of the employees of the Company is extended to his family. Mr. Bailey was with this Company for a number of years as engineer at our 24th Avenue Plant.

Leslie Murray is a proud daddy and every spare minute is spent at St. Anthony's Hospital visiting his new daughter.

OAKLAND BUSINESS OFFICE.—By mutual consent, Margery Prael is given the honor



J. P. FIEBERLING
Correspondent

of preparing the items for this office, this time. That she has done well and unearthed some heretofore mysteries you may judge by the following:

Plenty of things to say but don't know how to say them. Plenty of news but the old vocabulary has made itself scarce. Wish Blossom were still airing her knowledge on these pages.

Speak of Blossom and you speak of a plutocrat these days. A handsome husband and a new car—what more could you want? Blos is the proud parent of a new Oakland Sedan. Some people have all the luck.

Norman Doyle is the (not so proud) owner of a car which he claims is not so hot. Seems that Norman expects a whole lot for \$20.00. Anyhow the Doyle family went for a "buggy ride" in Norman's new acquisition and in the course of the afternoon broke the thermos bottle, spilled the lunch, smashed the baby's fingers in the door of the car and last (but far from the least) blew all the tires and came limping home on the rims. Norman's no motor fan now.

Bob Elliot and Mrs. Elliot were enjoying the sights of our City Oakland the other day, when for no reason at all, Bob decided to tangle with a Fruitvale Avenue car. Bob's Maxwell went to the mat and was still down at the count of ten. Fact is—Bob says it never will be the same again.

Paul Nunn and his family fared forth for Northern California in a flivver but came back in an Oakland sedan. This is working the old angles. Paul says it was an even trade. Paul must have driven a hard bargain. He could sell Lakeside Park to Mayor Davie if he really tried. More power to you, Paul.

Beulah has a new beau. Black hair, slick clothes, a mustache and a Buick has Beulahs' Romeo—how does that sound to your naked ear? He and Beulah mounted the Buick and rode forth for to see what they could see. The movies and Orpheum were scorned so they hied them to the more inspiring parts of the town and finally decided to stop and contemplate the infinite within the portals of the University of California. Now you know that parking after midnight on the campus is not so good and that the manners of the Berkeley police are not all that they should be.

It is said that there were wonderful aquatic feats displayed at the Richmond Municipal Tank when the office force went out last week. Johnny Weis Muller would have turned green with envy could he have seen J. P. F. "crawl" up and down the tank and work out on the diving board. The saying is that Evelyn Cory is not so slow herself on a diving board—wish we'd seen her go—always did miss the best things in life.

Bobbie Dolan is proud like a lion—she is the great aunt of an 8-pound boy and is quite ready to tell the world he's right.

Mrs. Mark Lucich has a son. You'll remember her much better as Ann Katich.

Wish Polly were back. The office is not right without Polly. She is showing a marked improvement and should soon be well. People may come and go in this Water Company but there is only one Polly.

There is an affair going on under our very noses in this office. Fritz sent Margie McDonnell pansies and gardenias on her birthday and has been showing marked attention ever since. Fritz thinks Margie is "just lovely."

Catherine took a week's vacation and spent it shooting golf and window shopping. She also had her picture taken at a fashionable photographer's in San Francisco. It will, no doubt, soon appear on the sporting green of the East Bay papers as she had it taken with golf clothes and all the fixings.

Ackie is back again—thank goodness—but not for long. She is going to Lake Louise and Banff to spend the rest of her vacation. Another plutocrat. Ackie is the walking cook book of the Water Company. Did you ever taste her short cake and fried chicken—No? Well you ain't heard nothing yet.

The fleet's in town and Dot Angel is in a trance. Fact is, it is doubtful if she ever will come down to earth. It's a draw between Bill and Don now. Strong competition is confronting the Navy.

Helen Dewey is working the tune of "Got Myself a Brand New Sweetie" overtime. His name is Val and, judging from all appearance, he thinks Helen is a little bunch of snap. That checks Dave out because Val gives Helen no time to two-time him.

CENTRAL BILLING BUREAU.—

On the Checker Board of life
The Billing Bureau moves its way,
Over the black squares to the white,
Moving on from day to day.

Moving in and moving out,
Moving to vacation land,
Moving there and all about
To the music of life's band.

But as we move on land or sea,
At work, at play, in wealth or fame,
We move our best each day to be,
So that each move has helped the game.

"Who date say more tis none." The first shall be last, but not so with Lucille Small as she headed the vacation list this year enjoying a rest and a good time with friends and relatives in Los Gatos.

Helen Kelley then followed and spent her two weeks to advantage at Jackson visiting with friends and relatives. Ruby Brandt had an enjoyable time at Yosemite. On being questioned she said, "Oh! marvelous. This well repays my disappointment of last year." The lofty mountains of Yosemite standing like colossal sentinels guarding the snow-capped Sierras in the background with a beautiful river shimmering in the sunlight, winding its way through a velvet carpet of green to find itself reaching the lowlands enriching all.

Nellie Voigt spent her vacation visiting Mrs. Johansen (Josephine Larson) at Salt Lake City. She had a mighty good time and Joe wants to be remembered to all.

Julia Klinge, a student at University of Nevada is filling in during her vacation. Last year she helped in the Oakland business office.

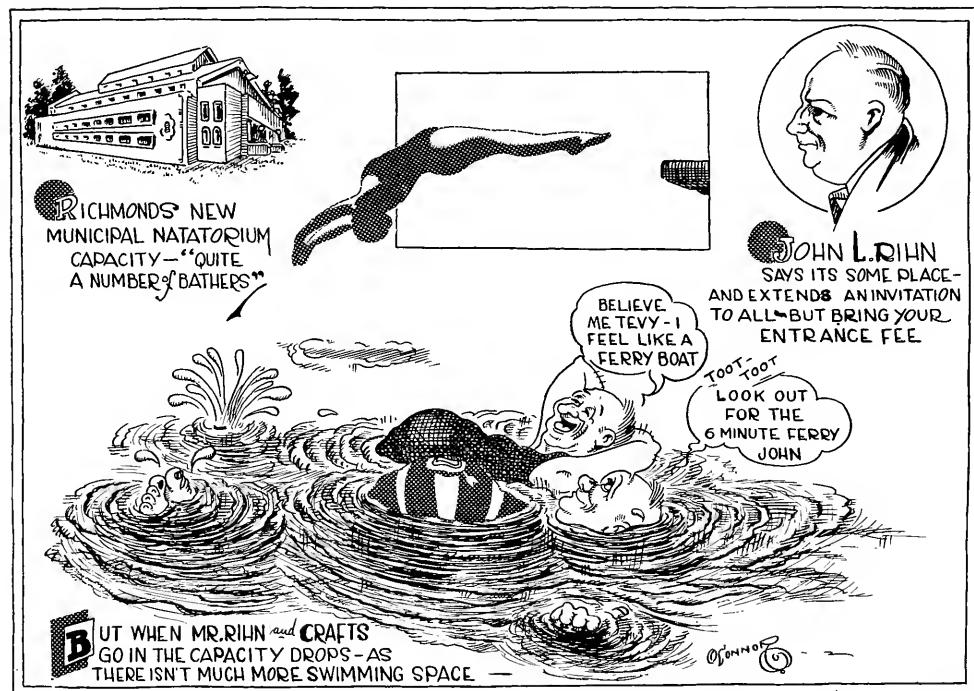
Marion Schwartz of course planned her vacation in "My city Portland" but is always glad to get back to California.

Edith Harrington is taking a month's vacation this year so her calendar will be interesting.

Lillian Dow and Hazel Forkey are very quiet about their plans but we will listen around and maybe have something interesting to tell about in our next issue.

Winnie Hylton says she would enjoy a vacation this year but is out of luck so will have to listen in and enjoy the reports of others.

Ye scribe took a week-end trip to Lake Tahoe. This was to avoid the expected excitement of announcing the winner in the *Tribune* Errors Contest. Upon returning he felt very much disappointed to find his name seventh on the list and only winning \$100.



CORPORATION YARD

IS a black cat an omen of good luck or bad luck?

This is the question that still burns in the minds of the warehouse crew.

A few days ago a black cat visited the warehouse and the boys were all excited over the prospects of good fortune that consequently follow such a visitor.

The first to feel the effects was Charlie Moore. He discovered two flat tires on his machine. It took W. Schlinker 35 minutes to start his motorcycle. Sanderson ran out of gas and had to walk five blocks and Joey Green on reaching his home was consigned for an indefinite period to the "Dog House."

Harriet Boardman, the Miss Oakland of the Traffic Safety Parade, has her Ford roadster painted for the "steeneth" time.

Jack Francis and Andrew Gawley were recently defeated as the Fashion Plates of the yard, Blaine Becker winning the honors.

The Timekeepers are planning on organizing a band to play at their banquets. More power to you, boys, you should not make a mistake as everyone knows how to keep time.

As a measure of public safety, Jasper suggests that safety stations should be built of rubber. He recently discovered that concrete has no rebound.

Some of the boys are very fond of playing golf nowadays, and one of the editor's deputies heard the following conversation at the links:

George Hunter—"Caddy, do you find many balls out here?"

Caddy—"Why, yes sir."

George Hunter—"Well, find one and we'll start."

When is ten dollars not ten dollars?

When Harry Agnew has it.

When is five dollars not five dollars?

When Joe Demello has it.



R. LANGE
Correspondent

YARD SKETCHES BY PEN & PENCIL
(The Pen is broken)

I'm Henry Gutte
Call me "Hank"
On yachting, I'm known as a crank
That may be so
But I'd like you to know—
As a seaman I hold a high rank.
Blah! Blah!

I'm Porter,
Some call me "Wobbly"
From the way I walk most prob'ly
You can spot me out quick
For my hair is so "slick",
And my hat's on one side prop'ly.

If you want to know me
I'm O'Brien,
I'm neither a wet nor a dry'n
'Course a good drop o' wine
Is all very fine,
Still for milk that is spilt
I'm not cry'n.

The comic section of the *Examiner* is not the only place one learns Bughouse Fables. Here are a few from the yard.

One great sportsman—modesty will not permit his name—says while hunting last season he saw "somethink" moving behind bushes. He quickly took aim and pulled the trigger, then walked to the spot he fired at and there lay a massive five pointer shot through the heart.

Charlie Moore wishes to advise that anyone, (or their old man) having a charge account with the company, will in the future need a requisition to obtain material from the warehouse.

Leroy West just returned from a trip to Canada, where he visited his folks. He purchased a new Oakland sedan to take the trip and reports a wonderful time.

Genevieve Agers also just returned from an enjoyable trip through Oregon, Washington and Canada. We are wondering what the attraction is up that way, but the queer part of it is, nearly everyone seems to be heading that way this year.

Frank Andrini is now installing an 8-inch main on Thorn Road; Angelo Mercia is putting in a 6-inch cast iron main on Oxford street, Berkeley; Solari a 6-inch cast iron on Cragmont and Regal Road; Foreman P. McHugh, 6-inch, Shafter east of College; R. McHugh, 6-inch on 100th Avenue; Foreman P. Shally, 4-inch on Summit Drive east of 39th Avenue Reservoir. Leo Farrell is completing work on

Peralta Street. B. Pedro has been confined for the last few weeks to Webster and Harrison Streets. Storer is on Rudsdale, Tony Musio on Peralta and Logan. J. Paladini has run up his mileage looking after graders in East Oakland. Tom Griffin, if he were not sick, would be up in Montclair, and J. Horan is relaying pipe on 51st and Webster Streets.

Virginia Clark spent her vacation at the Russian River and various other places of interest.

Vera Patch is again at the yard assisting during "vacations."

Bill Flinner has recently recovered from a sprained ankle and is now able to drive both the Chevy and Hudson.

James Nelson has recovered from a serious illness and we are glad to have him back with us again.

Harriet Boardman is away on her vacation, one week of which she plans on spending at the Russian River.

W. G. Stewart and W. F. Allen have joined the ranks of the Timekeepers squad. Joe Cotteral is now in the engineering department at the main office.

WANTED—Small active boy to carry light packages from warehouse for husky timekeepers. Apply at office.

A PARODY ON "THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY"

Breathes there the Timekeeper
With heart so small
Who wouldn't order
Any fittings at all.

If such there breathes,
God give him praise
For he sure deserves
A liberal raise.

High though his title
Power and fame
If he forgets to order
He sure takes the blame.

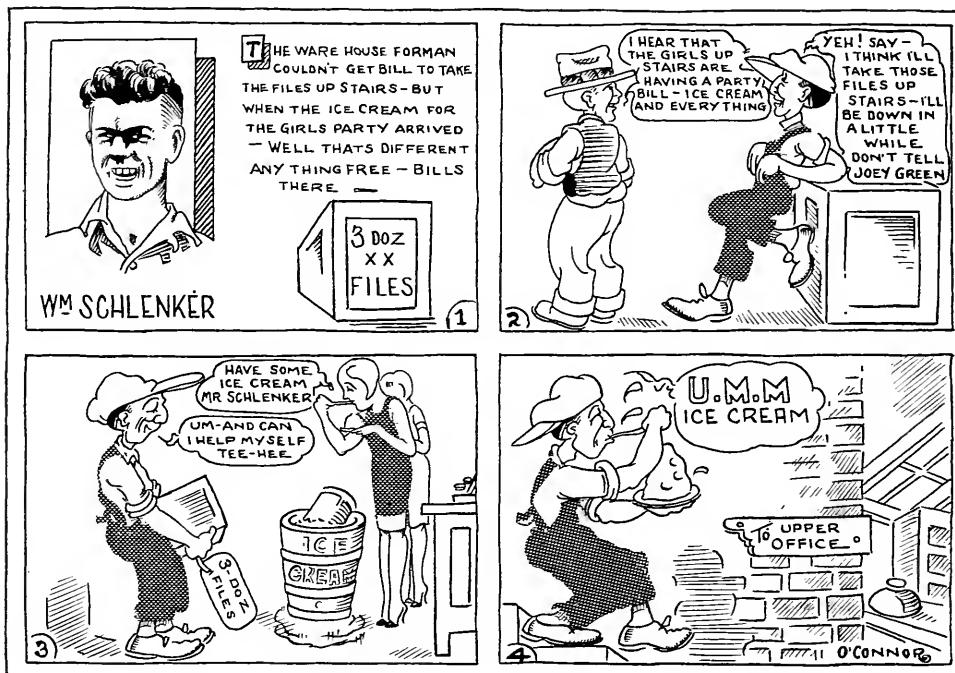
Despite the blame,
Mistakes and mishaps
A Timekeeper isn't
Such a bad fellow at that.

And their orders will be turned in
From time to time
With their little John Henrys
Signed on the dotted line.

So now dear Timekeepers
If you're in trouble or doubt
Just call on Mr. Flinn,
He'll help you out.

It is now getting late,
And my pen is on the shelf,
If you care for any more poetry,
Please write it yourself.

Grace Pilotti has been at the Fabiola Hospital, where her tonsils were removed.



BERKELEY DISTRICT

GROUND was broken recently preparatory to the erection of a new Odd Fellows' Hall in Berkeley. The structure, which will be three stories in height, and will cost \$150,000, is to be erected at the northwest corner of Bancroft Way and Fulton Street. This temple, one of the most beautiful and elaborate in the West, is a permanent tribute to Berkeley's past and future growth, for were it not for this development, such an investment would hardly be found in a city of this size.

Two resolutions of the City Council are especially deserving of notice. One is the "White Way" project, which will make University Avenue from to Oxford Street one of the best lighted streets in the East Bay. The other resolution calls for numerous street improvements throughout the city. The need for these has long been felt, and the \$200,000 which will be required for the enterprise will give much more than that amount in service to the citizens of Berkeley.

The Richmond Office were hosts to a swimming party on the evening of May 18th, at Richmond's new natatorium, and we of the Berkeley Office take this opportunity of thanking them for the wonderful time they gave us.

Eleanor Gerrie returned sunburned and brown from her sojourn at Rio Nido on the Russian River. The Russian River holds quite an attraction for some of the East Bay Water Company's girls.

Olive Marsh surprised us all by an announcement of her engagement to Elroy Menasco Fulmer while at Lake Tahoe. Congratulations, Olive. (By the way, girls, how about Tahoe for that vacation trip?)

We wonder if Hazel Hooper is going to spend her vacation at the same place as she did last year? The mountains of Mariposa have a fond attraction for "Hoop". Is it the fish in the stream or the beautiful scenery, Hoop?



T. N. CRAFTS
Correspondent

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ON SMITTY'S MONKEHS
(With apologies to Milt Gross)

Nize baby, eat opp all de salary soop, so momma'll gonna tell you de pum from Mabel Smitt wit de monkehs from Brazeel.

Mabel hed two leetle monks
Vit skeen chust like a neeger
Unt day mit day in every way
De monks dey got it beeger.

Vit her dey yunce vent to de voik
Vich it wasn't by de rool
De dooties den dey all did shoik
Mit monkeh-shines did fool.

"Vot giffs it here," de boss he yalled,
"Vot monkeh bizznes iss diss?
Take it avay de mommases,
I'll made a stop to diss."

Such a dollink baby, ate opp all de salary soop.

We are all glad that Emily Marengo is once more with us. Emily had a very bad fall on her spine some time ago, which necessitated a minor operation and a siege of three weeks in bed.

There have been two additions to our office force: Paul Robinson, one time of Brick Morse's famous Collegians, and Bill Collins, former employee of the Oakland Office is here during the vacation period.

Florence Dias, former clerk of the office, who is the proud mother of a boy, now three months old, honored us with a visit the other day. We are always glad to see you, "Corey". Come again, sometime.

Angelo Murcia is working 20 men on Oxford Street; they are running 2,820 feet of 6-inch main from Hearst Avenue to Rose Street. This new line of pipe will relieve the pressure condition of that district.

"Mandolin" Cooke is the recipient of many letters of late, whether they are from Pittsburgh, where mother lives, or (?). We have many doubting Thomases here.

Jack Reiley initiated his new Star sedan by ripping off his fender the first day out.

Jask Hansen claims that the only suit of his that has no paint on it is the well-known B.V.D.'s Ask Jack what happened upon finishing a painting job in his new home.

Walter Stoddard saw something the other day that looked quite familiar. Upon drawing closer to the object, Walt discovered that it was his old Dodge Roadster. You know, Walt holds quite a warm spot in his heart for that old boat.

ALAMEDA DISTRICT

THE Shipyards of the West sounds like a title of one of the best sellers or a moving picture. However, it is nothing more or less than a slogan for the city of Alameda. The reason for this particular slogan is the establishment on the estuary of another ship-building concern. This shipyard is located close to Park Street, the main thoroughfare, and extends from Blanding Avenue to the estuary. The property has been cleared of arks and houses and construction work on the building is now in progress. When completed the plant will be capable of handling anything of a sea-going nature from a ferry boat to an ocean liner.

Another financial institution was successfully launched on its way when the Encinal National Bank threw open its doors for public inspection. The banking room was decorated with beautiful flowers, the gifts of the many who wished them success in their venture.

Steam shovels together with dirt trucks are busily engaged in construction work on the new Masonic building. This building which is adjoining the present temple will consist of banquet halls and lodge rooms, with stores on the ground floor, and by the way, it is located only two doors from James Finch's residence. Well, it's an ill wind that blows no one good, so James views the building activities from his front porch and muses on how long it will be before a skyscraper takes the place of his modest little cottage. That's what it means to live in a regular city, Jim; residential sites turn into business property over night!

Besides being a fortunate possessor of business property, James Finch has another possession, or rather two possessions which he is even much prouder of. To be more explicit, James had the honor of attending the graduation exercises of the high school when his two boys were awarded their



GEO. A. MCKEAN
Correspondent

diplomas. James is now speculating on just what profession or calling will be most suitable for the boys to follow, but you may rest assured that whatever the decision is, these two lads are stickers and will be a credit to their chosen careers.

Millicent King has again taken up her office duties, after a two weeks' vacation during which time she enjoyed the idle hours in motoring to the different points of interest hereabouts. Although a week's stay was made at Carmel-by-the-Sea, where artistic temperament and poetic license are said to be at their best, still Millicent does not feel the urge to dash off a little poem for this issue of BUBBLES.

Although the new high school is just about completed it was not until last week that the corner stone was laid. The ceremonies were under the auspices of the Alameda Lodge of Elks, the Honorable Joseph R. Knowland being the orator of the day. Now all evidences of construction work have been removed, gardens are being set out so that by the opening of the fall term the building will be complete down to the last detail, and this school will take its place as one of the finest institutions of learning about the bay.

Alameda celebrated the Fourth of July with a varied and interesting program which was in charge of the Veterans' Council and was given at Neptune Beach on the evening of July 5th. Speeches, several military pageants, fireworks and dancing in the pavilion entertained all visitors. The beach was open to the public after 7 p.m. and everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Frank O'Brien, President of the Bubbles Social Club, is a frequent visitor in our office. Frank drops in on his way to Bay Farm Island, where he is engaged in installing a sprinkler system. According to Frank, the climate on the island is so invigorating that the running of the regulation eighteen holes on the golf course is as child's play; but of course Frank has been associating with such well known players as Fred Klaus, Paul Magerstadt, Louie Farrell, et al, so that he is liable to over-estimate the ability of the ordinary mortals who are lucky if they make a half dozen holes in as many hours.

RICHMOND DISTRICT

YE regular Richmond scribe being on his first real, honest-to-goodness vacation for many years, our BUBBLES write-up is very likely to be a rather hurriedly written page. Read on, who will!!!

Our boss, John L. Rihn, is vacationing at Lake Tahoe. The first note from our wandering, care-free manager came from Donner Lake, not so very far from his destination. He told of the usual toil and turmoil of departure, such as missing boats, forgetting lunches, and, later, the "all-famous" tire troubles. (That's a part of the vacationist's fun. boss, and is part of the game!) He likes Donner Lake very much and reported the scenery as being beautiful. We hope he finds Tahoe as enjoyable, but then, we know he will.

The latter days of June find the rest of our office force as busy as usual—perhaps even more so, with vacations upsetting the usual routine. Grant Ewing is working "double-speed" to clean up his work so his "relief" won't find himself at the very bottom of the sea of bills and orders that is the usual thing around the first of every month.

Adeline Clark is substituting during the vacation period. She will take her vacation in September and will spend it visiting friends in various parts of the state.

Richmond is growing! Ask George Pleich. He superintended the installation of over 80 new services during May, and June shows promise of equalling this.

Foreman Elmer Wilson and men have just completed nearly a mile of 6-inch line on Tenth Street to the new Municipal Wharf No. 2 at Ellis' Landing. Contractors are grading for the approach to the dock and railroad facilities are to be available very soon, both from the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific.

The Santa Fe Railway has been granted a franchise to extend its tracks to this wharf. Actual work is to be started on this



JOHN L. RIHN
Correspondent

spur track as soon as material can be assembled. The matter of the crossing at Cutting Boulevard has been cleared as the Railroad Commission has granted the necessary permit for a grade crossing.

Foreman Betterton and men completed the renewing of old lines in Pt. Richmond. Of the city contract work, only a small piece near San Pablo remains unfinished.

Our natatorium is holding its popularity even through the vacation period. Although the attendance has shown a very slight decrease, the total receipts have increased. This is due to an increase in adult admissions, which offsets the decrease in the half-rates. The lawns and gardens surrounding the natatorium are growing fast and the entire square shows promise of becoming a beautiful spot.

Mrs. Thomas Nixon, nee Rita Arnold, whom you all remember was once a member of our office force, has left the ranks of the "unbobbed" and cut those beautiful tresses. Although we hated to see her do it, we cannot but help admire the result.

Julia LaFranz received quite an amusing telephone call the other day. Her "Water Company" was greeted by "Hey, what's the matter with our cold water? It's boiling hot!" The trouble was finally located as due to a faulty heating system. We had a good laugh over the complainant's method of revealing his troubles and Julia is to be complimented over her expert handling of such an unusual complaint.

We would suggest that kind souls in the Yard division take note of our timekeeper, friend Belding's sweater. Methinks there must be someone of increasing avordupois there with a sweater too small for himself, but just right for Claire.

We hear a loud call resounding,
Alas! 'Tis timekeeper Claire—
"Is there no one, aye, aye, no one
With an unhol(e)y sweater to spare?"

Poor Claire! How very sad it is
To see those poor elbows of his
All exposed to the cruel, bitter cold;
For they're coming out—so very bold.

So hark ye to a Timekeeper's plea,
"Have you no sweater made for me?
My elbows are seeing the light of day,
And Merry Christmas far, far away."

IF YOU WERE—



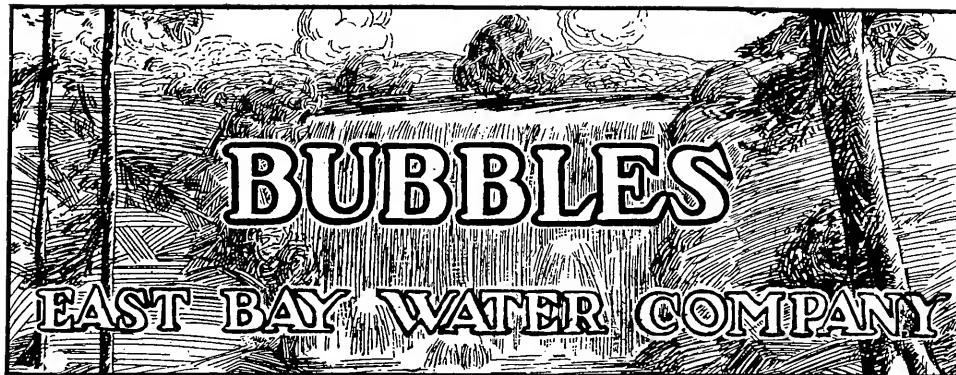
If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who were sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.

If you were busy being true
To what you know you ought to do,
You'd be so busy you'd forget
The blunders of the folks you've met.

—*War Cry.*



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SKYSCRAPERS

(LOOKING SOUTH FROM SEVENTEENTH AND TELEGRAPH TOWARD FOURTEENTH AND BROADWAY)

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

IS OAKLAND GROWING?

“**I**S Oakland really experiencing a tremendous development,” queried The Man on the Street, “or is all this talk about progress just plain ballyhoo?”

To any fair-minded man or woman, the foregoing is a fair question. And one that deserves a fair answer and supporting evidence.

What has Oakland as a city done, and what is being done in Oakland that indicates advancement?

A number of big, important projects are now under way, which should convince even the most confirmed pessimist that Oakland is taking firm strides in the way of substantial progress.

First, consider the estuary tube—a \$5,000,000 project.

Construction of the tube is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken in the Bay district, as it is the first submarine vehicular crossing to be constructed.

Discussion of the tube plan had its beginning in 1916, when the War Department, having jurisdiction over rivers and harbors, declared the Webster and Harrison street bridges crossing the estuary between Oakland and Alameda a menace to navigation and an obstruction to the commercial development of Oakland Harbor, and ordered their removal or replace-

ment by bridges of the bascule or direct lift type or by a subway under the estuary.

Owing to the war, the order was withheld until 1921. In the meantime those interested in Oakland harbor development started a movement for a tube instead of bridges. As a result of this agitation, a bond issue for \$4,496,000 was carried, investigations were made, contracts let and work actually started on June 15, last year.

The subway starts at Sixth and Harrison streets in Oakland and emerges on Webster street in Alameda. The total length is 4476 feet from surface to surface or 3545 feet between portals.

From Sixth street to within about 100 feet of First street, the structure is being built in a great excavation or open cut, as engineers state it. From this point across the estuary to the Alameda portal building the subway will consist of pre-cast reinforced concrete cylindrical segments, twelve in number, each 203 feet in length, 37 feet outside diameter with walls $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet thick, giving a roadway 24 feet wide and two sidewalks $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide.

The top and bottom of the actual traffic space are flat, the spaces thus formed at top and bottom of the tube being used for the ventilating system.



OAKLAND PORTAL, INNER HARBOR TUBE
(SUPERSTRUCTURE UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

The twelve sections of the tube, which will actually cross the estuary, are being constructed in a drydock at Hunter's Point and when completed will be floated from the drydock to the tube site and lowered into place.

Graphic illustration of the immensity of the task of building on land a tunnel which will be moved piece-meal to its site and sunk into a channel some 80 feet below water level, is the engineering estimates of materials required. For the tunnel sheath alone, 320,000,000 pounds of concrete, 10,000,000 pounds of reinforcing steel and 500,000 square feet of waterproofing will be used before the twelve segments are completed—to say nothing of materials required for the two approaching structures from both the Oakland and Alameda sides.

the tube movement as a step toward greater harbor and marine development.

Skyscrapers denote vast population growth. Buildings are extended into the air because the ground space which they occupy is so valuable that full advantage must be taken of the site. With population constantly increasing, greater numbers of people concentrate in a given area, consequently business must concentrate.

Recent years have seen a multiplicity of skyscrapers in Oakland. Starting with The Oakland Bank and the Tribune Tower, the erection of tall buildings has been so rapid that Oakland's skyline now rivals much larger metropolitan cities.

Completion of the Central Bank building is a recent substantial development. The Latham Square building is nearing completion at Sixteenth and Telegraph, as



OAKLAND'S NEW SKYLINE

Schedules of construction call for the completion of the tube by July 1, 1927. Just recently engineers reported the job 36 per cent completed, with 38 per cent of the working time consumed. They point out, however, that the hardest part of the work had been done and that completion on scheduled date is practically assured.

Construction of the tube is one of the impressive bits of evidence of the growth of Oakland and the East Bay district. Citizens demanded quicker transportation routes between Oakland and Alameda as population had outgrown bridges, and business and shipping interests supported

is the Leamington Hotel at Nineteenth and Franklin streets.

The Bank of Italy has purchased the corner occupied by the Henshaw building at Fourteenth and Broadway and at a later date will erect a skyscraper.

The new four-story building on the Delger property at Fourteenth and Broadway is an important improvement, in that it marks additional building for the downtown business district. This building is occupied by S. H. Kress & Company.

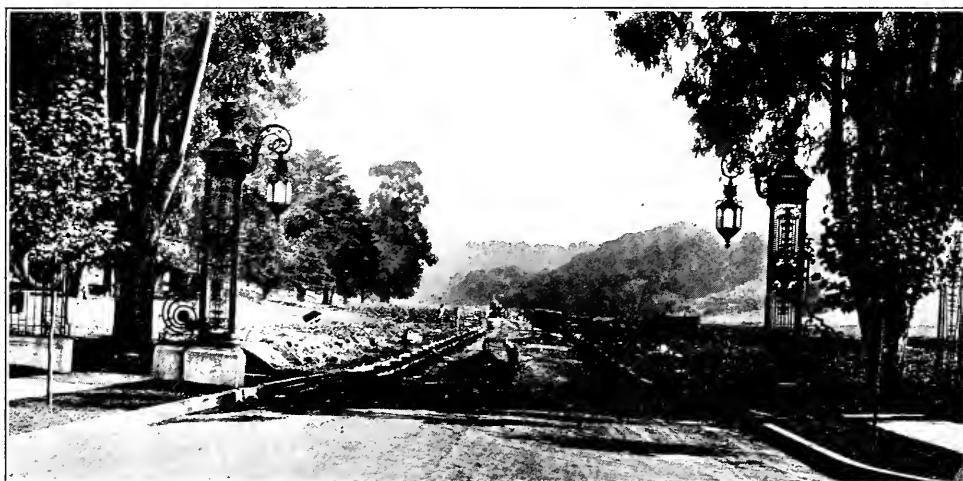
The metropolitan aspect of Oakland is portrayed by the cover design of this issue of BUBBLES. The photograph was taken

from Seventeenth and Telegraph and is a graphic illustration of the canyon effect which the downtown business district is assuming.

Expansion of public utilities is one of the most accurate barometers of growth. Public utilities such as water, gas, electricity and transportation are vitally essential to the growth of any community. When utilities increase their service facilities it is a certain indication that population and industrial growth is taking place and that greater growth is coming, because utilities must be on the ground ready to serve.

Every community depends upon water, without which nothing can be accomplished. Probably the best evidence of the population and industrial growth of Oakland is shown by \$2,300,000 new construction planned by the East Bay Water Company in 1926. During the first seven months of the year 3230 new water services were installed in Oakland. This number of new services indicates that an equal number of new buildings were started, as water must be on the ground before concrete foundations can be poured.

Figures for new population based on the number of new services are conservative,



TRESTLE GLEN, 1921



TRESTLE GLEN, 1926

inasmuch as there is but one meter to an apartment house which may be occupied by from six to twenty families, depending upon its size. In such cases, the one meter would show but one family, whereas in fact the number of families would be much larger.

Another indication that water installations are an accurate indication of growth is shown by the many vacant areas which have been subdivided and built up solidly with homes during the past five years. Growth of water service installations in these areas is paralleled by construction of new homes. Trestle Glen and Lakewood Park are concrete examples of such development. The accompanying comparative photographs show Trestle Glen and Lakewood Park in 1921, when they were placed on the market; and now, with the district completely built up. These are but two of many examples of what is taking place throughout Oakland.

In addition to installing 3230 services during the first seven months of the year, the East Bay Water Company has expended large sums of money in laying new mains, completing the Upper San Leandro project and making other necessary improvements in anticipation of further growth of the city.

Definite steps have been taken by the Key System Transit Company to provide Oakland and the East Bay district first-class transportation for growing population.

In the two and one-half years since the company took over the street railway and ferry system from the old San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways approximately \$5,800,000 has been spent in new trackage, new equipment and betterment of various kinds and the company has embarked upon a program of reconstruction that will include the expenditure of between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 more.

Included in this program is work on the Key pier, the construction of an elevated viaduct to take Key trains through Emeryville on an overhead structure, and the addition of an automobile roadway and ferry that represent an estimated expenditure of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

In these figures are represented new tracks, new boats, new cars, new busses, and new equipment of all kinds.

Two new ferry boats are under construction in the Moore Shipyards in West Oak-

land. Ninety-five new street cars have been purchased at a cost of about \$16,000 each.

Twelve new Key Division cars have been purchased and more than that number have been built in the shops at Emeryville. The sum of \$300,000 has been spent for new track-building machinery and tools. The main line from Lake Merritt through East Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward has been practically rebuilt. When everything is completed almost \$1,000,000 will have gone into that work.

The work of reconstructing San Pablo avenue is under way. Ultimately this entire piece of track will be rebuilt, and when done will represent an expenditure of at least \$750,000.

Nearly \$150,000 has been spent for busses, and with expenditures already planned this sum will reach more than \$250,000.

The Southern Pacific Company is also expending large sums for street railway and ferry service from Oakland and Alameda to San Francisco in response to demand made by the growth of the community. The Golden Gate Ferry Company has started work on its ferry service between Berkeley and San Francisco.

Gas and electricity have come to be indispensable in the life of any community, therefore increased facilities for these services are indicative of substantial population and industrial expansion. During 1926 the Pacific Gas & Electric Company is expending more than \$4,500,000 for the extension of these services in Oakland and other East Bay cities.

More than \$2,000,000 is being invested in developing electrical service to meet present and future demand.

Of the total amount, approximately \$2,500,000 is being invested to provide additional gas service. Among the major items of development are a new 10,000,000 cubic foot waterless gas holder now nearing completion at the foot of Fiftieth avenue in Oakland at a cost of \$685,000. A compressor station and five compressors are being installed also, at a cost of \$90,000.

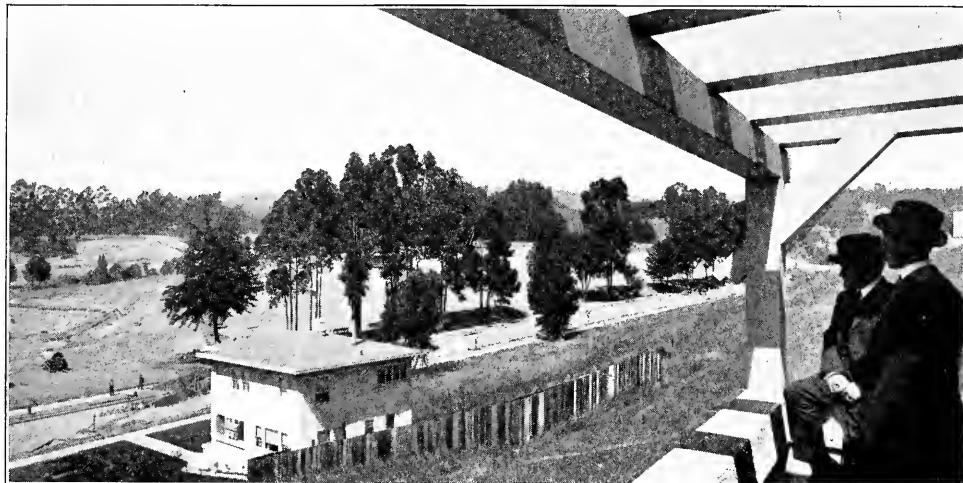
Additional plant facilities at the gas generating plant at the foot of Market street in Oakland brings this plant up to a capacity of 35,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day, with a possible peak demand of

40,000,000 cubic feet. Approximately ten miles of gas mains will be installed during 1926.

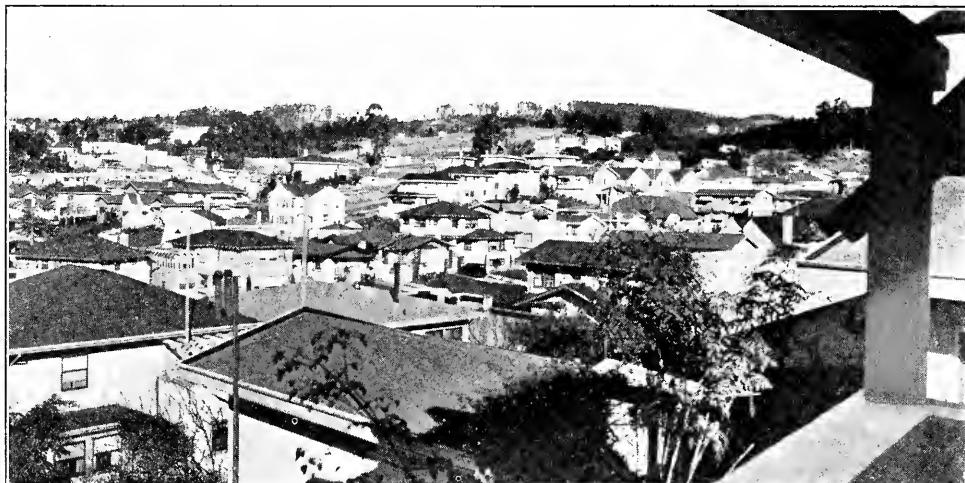
The Great Western Power Company is also expanding its service. The company recently purchased the Hutchinson build-

passed the million and a quarter mark, another indication of rapid growth.

On January 1, 1926, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and San Leandro were being served by a communication system of 100,090 telephones. Since that date more



LAKWOOD PARK, 1921



LAKWOOD PARK, 1926

ing at Seventeenth and Broadway for a permanent headquarters for this district, indicating that expansion is such as to warrant substantial increase in facilities.

Expenditures for telephone construction in Oakland and other East Bay cities by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for the first six months of 1926 has

than 3300 new telephones have been added in the East Bay area.

During the first three months of the year 151,000 feet of telephone cable was added to the ever-increasing outlay of communication facilities serving this area, and more than 1,500,000 feet of drop wire used.

The combined investments of public

utility companies, representing millions of dollars, is proof of the present growth of Oakland and reflect the substantial judgment of business leaders in the future of Oakland and other East Bay cities.

"A city is known by the traffic it keeps," to paraphrase an honored maxim. In other words, traffic congestion is a certain sign that a city is growing rapidly.

Oakland is now in the throes of traffic debate and discussion. A traffic committee has been appointed and \$10,000 subscribed by citizens for a general traffic survey.

A number of important steps have been taken already looking toward the relief of traffic congestion. Removal of the Southern Pacific tracks from Franklin to Webster street will aid the traffic situation, and at the same time will aid the development of an important new business thoroughfare, as well as open up the Southern Pacific block for business development.

The plan of widening the Twelfth street dam was not completed, but it is expected that some method will be worked out for breaking this bottle neck. Tenth street has been opened up as a new artery to East Oakland.

Plans for the Goss street crossing are under way, with the probability that this problem will be solved eventually. The Oakland Street Department is going forward also with the improvement and paving of main thoroughfares, such as Seminary avenue, Foothill boulevard, Hopkins street, and other streets. Construction of the Yerba Buena outfall sewer at a cost of \$220,000 is another important project to be carried through by the city this year.

Approximately \$60,000 will be expended by the city in the erection of the first unit of a permanent building for machine shops at the Corporation Yard at Ninth and Fallon streets.

In keeping step with the advance of Oakland, the Board of Education is now completing new school buildings and additions which will provide more than 220 new classrooms at a cost of more than \$1,800,000.

In addition, new contracts for the erection of structures providing a total of sixty or more additional classrooms will be let within a short time. These contracts will equal nearly \$700,000, making an expendi-

ture in excess of \$2,500,000 for additional educational facilities.

The Port of Oakland is rapidly becoming a reality. Contracts have been let for the construction of the first unit of Oakland's harbor development program. This unit will be a wharf at the foot of Fourteenth street on the western waterfront. The new wharf will be 1021 feet long and 224 feet wide, and a transit shed 500 feet long and 180 feet wide will be constructed. The wharf will be equipped with standard gange tracks and necessary loading machinery.

Need for the new facilities is shown by the fact that Oakland's port business increased 30 per cent during the past twelve months.

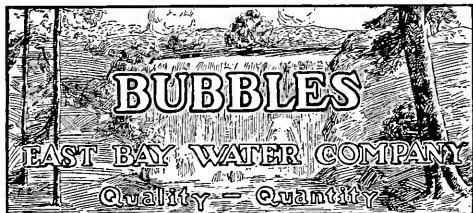
Along with the physical development of Oakland and other East Bay cities has come the need for improvement in government. Civic and business leaders, perceiving the advantage of better and more economical means of administering the affairs of the cities, are advocating the adoption of a county charter.

The Board of Supervisors of Alameda county has placed the question of the election of a board of freeholders on the ballot at the election August 31, and fifteen representative citizens have been nominated. Once elected, the board will draft a charter for the approval of the voters.

The principal advantage of a county charter, as pointed out by the supporters of the movement, is that it will give the county complete home rule in county government, instead of the existing system under which an authorization must be obtained from the state legislature before needed changes can be made in county administration.

Another important advantage of a county charter is the economies which may be effected by the consolidation of certain offices, such as those of the city and county assessor and tax collector.

Oakland is developing rapidly in home, business and industrial building, in public utility expansion, in municipal improvements and in governmental administration—every activity of a sound and substantial nature—anticipating a future destiny, the scope of which no man can now accurately predict.



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LIFE WORK

THE problem of right life work is not solved by “luck,” but by serious and earnest thought and judgment. One’s life work must have its basis in a right life purpose if our dreams are to become realities. The pursuit of “thrills” is not an adequate end in life.

Dreams and visions and prophesies are not only normal and exceedingly desirable, but they are absolutely necessary to efficiency, achievement and power. Romance and love and happiness, fame and success are primary dreams of every right-thinking person.

Visions of a new and better civilization in which man assumes less and less of the nature of the ape and in which he shares is a vision of normal mentality. Dreams and visions must become realities in time, but not if we have cynicism and the superficiality that seeks stimuli in periodic carousals.

Right living is not an opiate that puts human beings to sleep, but an elixir of life and meets the creative needs of men and women. What we give to the progress and development of our world depends on our having faith and we then hope to make our supreme contribution to humanity’s evolutionary development.

MENTALLY OLD

An old man—mentally—is one who believes he cannot change his habits. He may be thirty or fifty, but he is old when he thinks that he cannot take up a new branch of learning or activity.

Some men grow old the day they start to work. Age isn’t a matter of years but a state of mind. Mental alertness will not keep us from growing old. Genius is eternal youth.

The men who retain their enthusiasm after the average man has retired is very large. Voltaire accomplished the best part of his work at 75. Clemenceau is now writing good fiction at 80. Gladstone became Premier for the fourth time at 83. Between 79 and 83 Commodore Vanderbilt added \$100,000,000 to his fortune. Goethe at 80 wrote the second part of “Faust.”

BLACK MARKS ON WHITE PAPER

When the history of modern civilization is written it will be found that black marks on white paper are the agency and symbol of progress.

All human progress depends on communication of ideas. The child takes up life where the parent leaves off; while the young animal takes up life where the parent took it up. Lacking the art of printing we should lack almost everything that brings health to our bodies; to our minds ever-increasing interest and knowledge, and to our souls hope and inspiration.

Man lives in three worlds at a time. The past, present and future. He grows in proportion to his ability to pass on to others what he has learned. New generations simply take up life and go on. They begin where the parents paused. None of the main modern inventions have superseded the printed word—the black marks on white paper that minister to a man’s hunger for knowledge and inspiration.

"BUBBLES" from OUR CORRESPONDENTS

OAKLAND · BERKELEY
ALAMEDA · RICHMOND
CORPORATION YARD

GENERAL OFFICES.—Buster Wyman has left the employ of this company and will take a long "rest" before looking for another position.

Fred Klaus returned from Carmel with the same smile, a coat of tan and a desire to go right back.

Our Marjorie Green had a "perfectly marvelous" vacation, while Francis Kerns had a "swell time" and motored to Vancouver.

The sympathy of all employees of the company is extended to the family of Frank Boswell, a pump operator at our Fortieth street plant, who passed away on August 6th.

Louis Moullet hibernated at Santa Barbara as usual this year. He says next year he expects to have a new car and will take a real vacation. Looks suspicious, but we will just have to wait and see.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones are the proud parents of a baby boy, born on August 3rd.

Carlton Casebolt motored to the Grand Canyon for his vacation and reports a fine trip but too much hot weather.

Edna Edstrom has not been with the company long enough to have a vacation, but she said she could not stand any more stories of good times and decided to take a week's leave of absence.

Herbert Green had his first vacation in five years and spent two weeks in Petaluma chasing the chickens.

Morrill Westover does not believe in experimenting on his vacation. As usual he spent his two weeks at Applegate.

In addition to the labor and material distribution we have extended the tabulating system to all general distribution. This necessitated a new listing tabulator. We



J. P. FIEBERLING
Correspondent

have also added a horizontal sorter and an electric key puncher.

The new machines in the addressograph department necessitated the widening of the room. Elsie Cooper has so much extra room now that with a little music she could do the Charleston once in a while.

Les Murray says the duties of fatherhood have started to make him feel old. Recently the baby's wash was stolen from the line. It really is up to the boys on the third floor to give him a shower.

Don Porter left on his vacation on August 14th and returned a benedict. Don married a school day sweetheart from Los Angeles and we all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Porter much happiness.

OAKLAND DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICE.—Is there anyone in the world who doesn't get hot and cold folding doors at the idea of a vacation? To be able to turn the alarm clock's face to the wall and roll over for another long snooze?

Ann went to Yosemite during July, the gayest part of the season. She had the time of her life and enjoyed herself most when dangling her feet from "Overhanging Rock." That's bad coffee for anyone with nerves. Fritz craves to go to the Valley in October, when the falls look like a stream of water from a hose, and the leaves are red and gold; when one can be alone amid Nature's grandeur with one's thoughts. Wouldn't that be just lovely?

Ackie hied herself north with her husband. They stopped longest at Vancouver. Three guesses why. On the way home they stopped at Paradise Valley and played in the snow. Imagine snow in July.

The north country is a drawing card this year. Blossom and Burton left Friday, the 13th, for Banff and Lake Louise. Bet they don't pass up Vancouver, either.

Arvilla is going to the mountains for a two weeks' rest. Incidentally the boy friend won't be far off, as Arvilla is to be his mother's guest.

Speaking of romance (or what have you?), have you seen Jess Reed's Al? The

prettiest curly locks you ever laid eyes on. He is on display every morning at 8 o'clock in front of the office as he brings Jess to work daily. You know the old adage about the "early bird."

Adelaide went to Strawberry and came back looking more Indian than anything else—full of wondrous tales of snow and the Sheriff's Moon. There are moons and Moons. This particular one was on wheels and Adelaide says it was a "pip."

Norman Doyle is keeping his girlish figure by playing "barnyard" golf every night. He goes about it very scientifically, having reflectors and all that sort of thing. Norman was pretty hot about cards, too, until he was the blue-eyed boy the other night. Upon request he will furnish all the details.

Speaking of keeping one's figure, Bob Elliot is running neck and neck with Norman. Bob has purchased a pair of Indian clubs and a book of directions. Besides using Indian clubs we have a hunch he is taking a correspondence course and will soon make Earl Leiderman look like a load of hay.

After spending a small fortune in a tonsorial parlor, Bob has decided that it's too late for Herpicide. Anyhow, one consolation is that a high forehead is a sign of intelligence.

Willie Dutton visited all the springs in California in search of Ponce de Leon's fountain. We think old Ponce should have had his mouth washed out with soap for telling such a story.

John Larson has turned geologist. He discovered, while in the Grand Canyon of Arizona, some rocks never heard of in the history of science. It may be that he will carry on research work extensively in the near future.

J. P. F. spent his two weeks in the Santa Cruz mountains and has come back looking the picture of health.

Abbie Homer was also in that vicinity. She had a delightful time camping under the stars.

Poor Paul had more grief while J. P. F. was away. Someone called him on the telephone to place a complaint and during the course of the conversation called Paul a "Yahoo." Paul's temperature rose about 'steen degrees as he informed the gentleman that he (Paul) was *not* a Yahoo—never had been a Yahoo and never would

be a Yahoo. After steaming around here for a while he decided to invite the man out to a round of fisticuffs after work. Ackie offered the suggestion that the owner of the voice on the phone might be built on the scale of one John Dempsey. Upon second thought, Paul came to the decision that enough had been said on the subject. The question is—What is a Yahoo?

Did you hear about the day Bob Dolan and Dot Angel filed the allowance cards in the "Paid Files"? That nearly caused Paul to have apoplexy.

Can you imagine a war between Ireland and Italy? Well, one was staged on Sixteenth and Telegraph. Italy was found trespassing on Irish territory; Ireland voiced a protest; Italy heaped insult upon injury by calling Ireland a bad name; Ireland's retort courteous to Italy was a sock in the eye, thereupon knocking Italy for a goal. Italy beat a hasty retreat in search of allies. The popular opinion is in favor of Ireland.

Catherine Shuster was acclaimed one of Oakland's fairest maids. She had her picture in the papers just as we predicted in the last edition of this magazine. Catherine won the beauty contest at Idora Park and looked like a little bag of chocolates all laid away in a red bathing suit and a swagger stick. Illness prevented her from appearing in the San Francisco contest. Had she been able to compete, the Water Company would be minus a cashier. Catherine would be plus one ticketed route to Atlantic City to take Fay Lanphier's job.

Friday, the 13th, was Zetta's lucky day. The girls of the office gave a shower, prior to her departure from the company. She received some beautiful things and the refreshments were wonderful. Vera Astra cracked out with a whole flock of home-made cream puffs. Can you tie that?

The news from Polly is very favorable. She is up and around once more. We hope she will come back to toil and make the office look natural once again.

Mr. Drinkwater was in for a visit. He is the very picture of health and has more pep than you could shake a stick at.

Fred Dodge tried collecting a bill from a hardy restaurant man the other day and was urged, by means of a meat cleaver, to remove himself from the premises. Fred stepped high, wide and handsome before the man could add him to the day's menu.

Anyone who is skeptical about the old superstition about getting warts from toads can take a tip from Merton Church, our Titian-haired meter reader. He and a toad got as chummy as a couple of front teeth one day, and as a result Church's hands are a sight to be seen. He is going to have the warts removed, if possible, and then everything will be "Roses in Picardy."

CENTRAL BILLING BUREAU. — In every department of any large organization there are disappointments constantly coming up. A ship can be sailing on a calm sea and suddenly a storm will come up and toss it to and fro. The Billing Bureau weathers the tempest now and then. A well organized smooth course has been interrupted with the leaving of Zetta Dunstan. Zetta has a 100 per cent record of efficient service. She has made many friends and all wish her true happiness in her home. Lillian Dow has filled her position.

Antionette Perry has been chosen to fill Lillian Dow's place in the Billing Bureau. Antionette served as an extra clerk during the re-routing period. Julia Klinge has been filling in during the vacation and promises to remain with us.

Marion Schwartz is taking a great deal of interest in the comptometer and will soon be able to master that line of work. Lucile Small will handle part of the work which Lillian Dow has in charge.

Nellie Voigt enjoyed her vacation in the Rockies visiting at Salt Lake City with Mrs. Johanson, formerly Josephine Larson. Marion Schwartz and her husband motored to Oregon, and Ruby Brandt, understudy in the addressograph department, enjoyed her vacation in Yosemite.

"Back to hit the ball!" exclaimed Hazel Madison. "My vacation has gone, been spent, done up, vamoosed, and here I am, just as tired as ever. Who ever invented work? I'll trade my next vacation to know." Helen Kelley voices the same regrets, but she likes to hear the growl of the machines as they eat up the work and each day welcomes the new machines which enter the shop.

On Saturday, August 11, Winnie Hylton was married to Allen W. Smyth. Mrs. Smyth did not take any of the girls into her confidence and the department had a real surprise on the following Monday morning. However, we offer congratulations and best wishes.

CORPORATION YARD

OUR "Shorty" Wyman is still on the lookout for a war helmet. While working in the warehouse recently a two-inch cast iron plug mysteriously rolled off a top shelf and bounced on his head, causing the claret to flow freely. Therefore he asserts he needs more overhead protection than an ordinary cap affords. He also adds:

"I'm willing to do whatever I'm told
And never a job will
I shirk,
But as far as I see,
the warehouse to
me
Is a jinx of a place
to work."

James Sutherland Stevens has departed on a vacation. We don't know where,

but he is now upon his way.

Harriet Boardman has changed the color of her Blue Mortgaged Ford.

Frank "Mikey" O'Brien is sojourning in Carmel. We could write four pages about him, but what is the use? — the Editor would not print it.

Joey Green wants to announce that the dog house has been torn down.

Superintendent Farrel announces his mind is at ease for another year. All the girls in his office have had their vacations and all came back single.

Charlie Brignolia spent two weeks in Mendocino county and came back with "two bucks."

Bill Schlinker spent his vacation in Denver. We don't know whether he traveled a la Pullman or cattle car; he came home looking shop-worn and hungry.

Asst. Supt. Ben Carroll is spending his vacation in Yosemite.

A lot of our girls are off of fortunetellers. Several of them attended a seance recently and among other things were told they would all get a raise. Pay day came and they now all believe the fortune-teller to be the bunk.

Leo Farrell has a very bad cold, but then, gutters are awful cold at night.

Marilla Williams is spending her vacation in Marysville.



R. LANCE
Correspondent

Last month's "Who's Who Around the Yard" called forth the scathing remarks which follow:

"Who's who in the 'dog house'?"

This month's report shows a marked improvement among the "Warehouse Rats." Joe Green is away on his vacation, but was reinstated before he left. We can't guarantee his status on his return.

"Woodyard Kindling" Moore, our renowned company poet, who also keeps the home fires burning with the old packing boxes from the warehouse, sat around and talked for an hour the other evening, instead of going straight home. We note that the regular noon-time cup cakes have come from Mead's, instead of the usual "home-mades," since that evening.

We have been unable to get any data on "Long John" Griffin, but can easily figure that a man who never gets "in wrong" must be henpecked.

All our girls from "Upstairs" are again at work after a much needed vacation in various parts of the state. Glad to see their smiling faces among us again and to realize that we are one big family, in fact so much "family-like" that they all get along like married folks.

"Prince Consort" Joe Cotteral is batting for Bill Flinner during the latter's vacation.

We pride ourselves on linguistic ability among our office forces. Almost any known language, including profane, can be spoken and understood. Still, notwithstanding, one of our girls claims a certain telephone operator from a branch office speaks an entirely new language.

W. F. Allen and H. C. Rowland are new timekeepers added to our list of "Unemployed."

Howard Hart, garage foreman, spent a few days touring the Sacramento Valley. He reports a hot time.

Gute went hunting, but claims his two-legged deer kept all the four-legged ones away.

George Hunter, he of golf fame, has almost completed the carpenter work at the new San Leandro Filters.

"Snookum" Perry has recently appeared in rompers.

We went out in the machine shop looking for news and were curtly informed by Frank Isoard that all the employees in the shops were respectable, sober, industrious and went to bed early, consequently we

would get no news items or scandal. We're not Scotch, but we have our doubts—and that's that.

Howard Hart from the garage made the same statement upon being interviewed and as far as the garage gang are concerned, we did believe it.

Carolyn Strong has been substituting in this office during the vacation period.

Claire Belding, a former stand-by, has left us to take charge of the Claremont hound for the Municipal Utility District. While we hated to see him leave, we wish him the best of luck in his new position.

Foreman Jack Horan is busily engaged in installing a 30-inch main in San Leandro ahead of street paving operations.

Pat Shally says he hopes the next time the city administration changes that Sergeant Tom O'Neil is made chief and then pensioned.

Timekeepers who enjoy the popular pastime on the hills are cautioned that no overtime will be allowed while chasing the little pill; nor are they to use waterboys as caddies.

Timekeepers are requested to keep their "mamas" out of the Yard unless previous notice has been broadcasted that they are so parked!

Charles Moore left last week for Los Angeles to visit his friend Aimee.

Esther Swan spent her vacation in Stockton, and Grace Pilotti passed up Berryessa in favor of Los Angeles.

All the Yard gang are curious as to why Jasper spends every lunch hour conversing with a Marmon salesman.

Ralph Deeds has been confined to the Fabiola Hospital for the past five weeks and is in a serious condition. We trust that his recovery will be prompt and that he will be with us again soon.

Sympathy is extended to Foreman John Pleich and family due to the sudden death of their eldest son.

Foreman "Wild Bill" Johnson says he does not believe in jokes, particularly during the month of April.

We all extend our sympathy to Foreman Charles Witter, who has been absent for the past two weeks following the death of his sister.

One of our employees vacationing in Lake county informs us by post card that he has just got on the outside of a "dear stake."

BERKELEY DISTRICT

BERKELEY has recently inaugurated one of the most comprehensive and intelligently organized traffic safety campaigns in the United States.

The enrollment this year at the University of California will be in the neighborhood of 10,000 students.

Emily Marengo has lost that worried look. Reason: Emily has finally mastered the art of cooking tagliarini, of which Vic is very fond.

Harriet Meriam believes in taking her vacation on the installment plan — a week at a time. We hope, "Hodge," that you will be able to get in that long contemplated trip to La Honda next time.

Ralph Boyd came back from Clear Lake sporting a brand-new "misplaced eyebrow" to match the rest of the golf outfit. He says fishing was poor. It must have been, if that's the only fish story he could bring home.

Jack Reilley and family spent two weeks at Boyes Springs, and between touring in Jack's new Star and sulphur bathing, Jack is about fagged out. He is now at home recuperating from the strain of his vacation.

Walter Stoddard is waiting till the end of August before he "Dodges" (locate the pun, if possible) down to Los Angeles. Maybe he'll become a movie sheik and then Dick Barthelmess and Jack Barrymore will have to look to their laurels. Careful, Walter.

Bud Terry was relief turn-off man for Jack Reilley during the latter's absence. Bud handled the work in a very capable manner.

OFFICE MYSTERY?

What has happened to the dancing class?

Electa Musgrave, diving Venus and star cashier, has left us. Electa has been ill for some time and is getting a much needed rest. Sorry to see you go, Electa. Come back and see us some time.

We are all wondering when Dick Holroyd is going to take his vacation. It has



T. N. CRAFTS
Correspondent

been a good many years since we remember of Dick's taking one, so give Father Time the run this year and take a vacation, Dick. Remember, you live but once.

Miss "Bill" Heidekker is a very busy girl nowadays. She handles the trouble-shooter's desk, which is the handling of the Service Department, and taking care of the turn-off men's wants. No wonder she frowns now and then when asked to write an "inspection, please." Keep up the good work, "Bill."

Mabel Smith contemplates a rest on a ranch near Wawona, Mariposa county, on the way to Yosemite Valley. Mabel said that it was an ideal spot, with no danger of running into poison oak or rattlesnakes, Mabel's two worst enemies.

Olive Marsh has left us to embark on the troubled and uncharted seas of matrimony. She will spend her honeymoon in Merrie Old England.

We are all glad to welcome Zita Daugery and Marjorie Hughes to this office.

Jack Hansen says he is afraid his vacation will be spent in developing his back yard. Jack just recently bought his home and said his vacation money "took wings" when he paid the hardwood floor bill. This sacrifice will enable him to make a better start on next year's vacation. Ye Scribe thinks Jack has inherited a "wee bit o' Scotch"? ? ?

Eleanor Gerrie has been transferred from the turn-off department to the position of relief teller and is handling her work in a very efficient manner. Eleanor's only wish is that the cash balances every day.

Madolyn Cooke, our chief teller, is very happy these days, and no wonder! Her mother arrived August 5th from Pittsburgh, Pa. "Ray," Madolyn's fiance, looked very much worried since Mrs. Cooke's arrival, but from recent remarks by Madolyn, he must have passed inspection.

The Berkeley Office takes this opportunity of extending thanks to W. H. Evans of the San Pablo Filter plant for the wonderful flowers sent to this office for the past few months.

A customer at the counter: I want to talk to that stout man with the big blue eyes.

ALAMEDA DISTRICT

ALTHOUGH there has been a slight decrease in the number of applications for domestic service, it is thought to be merely the usual slump in activities that generally take place just before an election. However, even if the building of homes has slackened, activity in industrial construction continues. Among some of the recent improvements may be mentioned the Standard Oil's purchase of the lot on the southeast corner of Central avenue and Park avenue, and erection of a larger station capable of serving four machines at once. The balance of the lot is going to be used as a nursery in which plants and shrubs will be raised, to be set out later in other stations.

At the corner of Park avenue and Santa Clara avenue a modern one-story brick building is being erected which when completed will be the home of the Buick automobile. Another addition to automobile row was made when a new brick garage located on Park street was completed and thrown open for business.

Saylor's Chocolates, Inc., are making extensive additions to their candy factory, which when completed will provide space and equipment for their entire output. Formerly this concern had several small factories in the south and elsewhere. Now, however, it is the intention to combine these in one large factory located in Alameda.

In addition to the above may be included the new Masonic building, which is under construction, the large factory building of the Boyle Manufacturing Company, and the Robertson Shipyard.

Joe Paladini made a flying trip to Modesto; that is, it seemed like a flying trip, for Joe occupied the front seat in nothing less than a nine-passenger Lincoln. No, it wasn't a stage; this car belongs to Joe's cousin, who drove it from Chicago and each week-end Joe plans a little trip



GEO. A. McKEAN
Correspondent

out into the wide open spaces and incidentally to inspect the 1926 crop of table grapes. According to Joe, Modesto is a very fine place to sit under a tree with your loaf of bread and a jug. But for work, give him Alameda every time.

James Finch no longer vibrates around town in a machine of well-known make, but rather James now may be seen gliding along the boulevards in a spic and span little roadster which possesses all of the requirements of a much more expensive make. Riding no longer makes walking a pleasure with James, for he can now take the bumps at full speed and the balloon tires absorb all the shocks.

Work on the new boulevard extending from the Alameda Mole along the Southern Pacific right of way to Pacific avenue is about completed. This road, which is about three miles long, will be used by motorists to connect with ferry boats to and from San Francisco. This new route should prove popular for out-of-town visitors as it will be possible to avoid congested traffic by using the new road over Bay Farm Island for all points south or east.

Bud Terry is making his yearly visit to Alameda. Bud is our old stand-by during the vacation months, and it wouldn't seem natural to let a summer go by without calling on Bud for his able assistance.

Alameda is soon to boast of another modern hotel. Plans are being drawn for the construction of a resort hotel to be located on property which is now known as the Sunny Cove Baths. Outside capital has purchased the baths and the property adjoining and intend to erect a hotel which will have the advantage of being located on a sandy beach and at the same time close to a large city. This is an ideal location and no doubt will prove a popular watering place.

Millicent King is quite some golf enthusiast, and thereby hangs a tale. It seems that Millicent was standing rather close to the ball when her partner, a girl by the way, sliced, sawed, or what have you, the ball and Millicent received said ball full and square on the ear. It didn't come very swift, says Millicent, so it wasn't very painful, however, it isn't going to happen again if she knows it.

RICHMOND DISTRICT

TO MOST people, Saint Nicholas comes but once a year. However, there are three individuals in the Richmond District wearing broad smiles, so much so that we are prone to believe that Santa has called on them out of season. Grant Ewing, of our Off and On Department, is smiling because he now sports a brand new Ford; said Ford having balloon tires and everything else to make it a real up-to-the-minute turnout. George Pleich, foreman, is another of the lucky ones. George now traverses our streets with a beautiful new Graham Bros. truck; while Elmer Wilson now drives a Fageol truck.

W. S. Allen is now timekeeper in this district, having taken the place of Claire Belding, who resigned. Mr. Allen fills this position very capably. To date we have not heard any uncomplimentary remarks on Richmond wind and weather, which fact we note with great satisfaction.

Mr. and Mrs. LaFranz spent a very enjoyable vacation motoring to Lake Tahoe and points of interest in Nevada. Wendell tells some very interesting stories of his experiences while in Nevada, such as catching 180 trout in one forenoon, and seeing 20 and hearing 1000 rattlesnakes at one time. Julia backs up the statements, so they must be true.

Julia and Wendell were lost on the desert between Reno and Salt Lake. Becoming thoroughly frightened, they attempted to flag the Overland Limited. 'Twas all in vain—their only answer was friendly waves from the engineer and some of the passengers. But, as everything turned out all right, they decided to count it just one of their interesting vacation experiences, and voted their vacation a great success.

Yes, the world is progressing! As years go by we eliminate the "*cranks*." Many kinds have come and gone, and still another type is about to be discarded. It is sad, but we are soon to have no further

use for the *crank* to our awning. Our genial landlord is now building, in front of our office, a beautiful marquee, which will provide shade in the summer and keep out the rain in winter.

Hotel Carquinez, Richmond's new community hotel, opened with a bang Saturday, July 17. As it was so aptly stated by the toastmaster of the evening, this hotel is a splendid example of what can be accomplished through co-operation, and Richmond is never lacking in the ability to co-operate. The opening was widely and enthusiastically attended. If the opening can be considered a basis for prediction, our latest community effort will be a great success.

San Pablo avenue, from the Alameda county line to the north line of the El Cerrito city limits, is to be paved the full width. The City Trustees of El Cerrito recently awarded the contract covering the improvement to the California Construction Company at a cost of over \$120,000. Richmond contemplates paving San Pablo avenue from the El Cerrito line to the town of San Pablo. The completion of these two improvements will result in a wonderful thoroughfare over one hundred feet in width and nearly twenty miles in length running from San Pablo to the Oakland City Hall. This is a decided contrast to conditions as existed some twelve or fifteen years ago, when it was almost impossible to navigate an automobile from Richmond to Oakland during the winter.

After spending the first few days of her vacation in the Oakland Central Hospital, where she underwent a minor operation, Eunice Eggerth spent the balance of her time motoring in the southern part of the state. Eunice was greatly impressed with the beauties of Los Angeles and San Diego and although she visited Tijuana we have not heard anything about its beauty. We are inclined to believe that she did find something rather agreeable there.

The attendance at the Richmond Municipal Natatorium continues to climb. During July 15,589 people took advantage of our splendid plunge. On the Sundays of August 1 and 8 the attendance was over 2000. The total receipts for July were \$5,869.50. Those of you who have not been at our Natatorium, visit us, you are welcome.



JOHN L. RIHN
Correspondent

"OAKLAND, THE CITY WITH A GREATER FUTURE"

By HARRY G. WILLIAMS, Assessor



WHEN referring to Oakland as the city with a "greater future" I absolutely mean what I say. Greater for many reasons, primarily because Oakland is not crowded for territory, cramped conditions are unknown and there is ample room for thousands of new industries, homes and accommodations for hundreds of thousands more people. The large waterfront when developed as soon as the harbor improvements are completed will attract more industries which aspire to have shipping facilities at both front and back door. Water on one side and side-tracks from three main line railroads on the other.

These are assets that few cities can even hope to present to the man looking for the ideal industrial site.

The following figures on assessed valuation over the last five-year period show just how rapidly Oakland has developed:

1921-22 valuation.....	\$169,893,850
1922-23 valuation.....	181,244,545
1923-24 valuation.....	191,916,050
1924-25 valuation.....	211,993,960
1925-26 valuation.....	229,661,420
1926-27 valuation.....	241,719,185

These assessment figures show a gain of cent increase in value of Oakland property. increase in value of Oakland property.

For business in retail lines, Oakland offers many choice sites and can accommodate many hundred more stores that will be needed as the great influx of newcomers continue to select Oakland for their future home.

Hundreds of acres recently subdivided and put on the market for home purposes are attracting many newcomers. The homes built to sell at reasonable prices are an inducement for the people to own their own home. Bungalows, a predominating style of architecture in California, are

popular in Oakland, especially in the outlying and newer sections of Oakland.

More industries along the waterfront mean more people and more people naturally mean more homes, guaranteeing a great building program for many years to come. As it is, the building program in Oakland during the past five years has been a phenomenal one.

It is no idle dream when one states that Oakland is destined to be the metropolis of the Pacific Coast. At the present time there are one or two cities with a larger population; there probably are one or two cities with a few more industries. But Oakland is just starting to grow. It is not a boom growth but a natural growth, one that guarantees substantial business, permanent industries and homes owned by the working man.

The bank clearings show a steady growth, telephone, water and electric connections are greater than ever before and Oakland is right in line well toward the front of "The Big Parade" headed for first place in population and industry on the Pacific Coast.

With our wonderful school system second to none, good water supply, most essential for any big city, geographic location and hundreds of other natural facilities that few cities can boast, Oakland is certainly destined to command the attention of the entire universe.

Beautiful public parks and well-equipped playgrounds, transportation to all parts of the city, climate that compares favorably with Italy, considered the finest in the world.

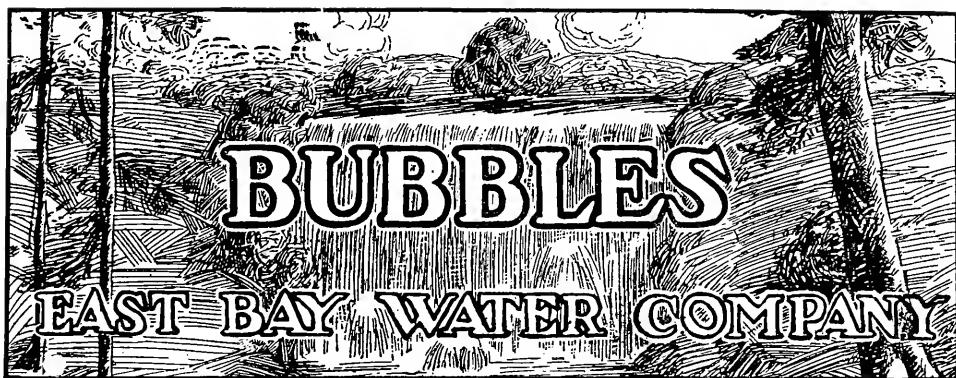
Take any section of Oakland today and what do you find? Building, street paving, laying of water mains, installation of gas and electric lines.

It is a safe bet that when you invest in Oakland you cannot lose, and the returns from an investment of today will bring excellent returns a few years hence.

At the present rate at which Oakland is expanding she will in a few short years actually be the largest city on the coast and is certainly destined as "The City With a Greater Future."



HARRY G. WILLIAMS
ASSESSOR



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HOTEL CARQUINEZ
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

RICHMOND SHOWS MARKED DEVELOPMENT

IT has been truly said that a year can make a lot of difference; and this is certainly applicable to Richmond.

It has also been said that the man who lives day after day in a growing municipality does not appreciate the rapidity with which his city changes. This may or may

not be true, but certainly after a year's absence from Richmond, the old resident, returning, instantly perceives that the city has made immense strides in industry, in business and financial development, in home building, and in many other ways.

It is apparent that Richmond's municipal government and municipal projects have made substantial advancement during

the past year under the able direction of City Manager J. A. McVittie.

The Municipal Natatorium has been one of Richmond's outstanding achievements this year. Opened on March 20, in the period to August 31, less than six months, more than 70,000 paid admissions were re-

ceived. As a revenue producer, the pool shows more than \$26,000 in receipts for this period.

The Natatorium represents an investment of \$130,000. The building is 100 by 200 feet and is of concrete and tile. The tank is 60 by 100 feet and holds 365,000 gallons of water. Experience showed that bathers preferred a mixed water, half salt water and half fresh, instead of straight salt water, as the latter had a tendency to induce a stinging sensation in the eyes, nostrils and throat. Therefore, the tank is now filled with mixed water.

All water passes through filters, the contents of the tank being changed every six hours. Filters operate 18 hours a day. The water is maintained at a temperature of about 80 degrees.

In line with the city's policy of continued harbor development, the new Municipal Wharf on the Inner Harbor was dedicated October 1 with the first shipment of eight carloads of sugar from the California Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company at Crockett to Middle Western points.

The sugar was moved from the refinery by barge and loaded aboard rail cars at the docks, giving a first class rail and water service to eastern points from Richmond.

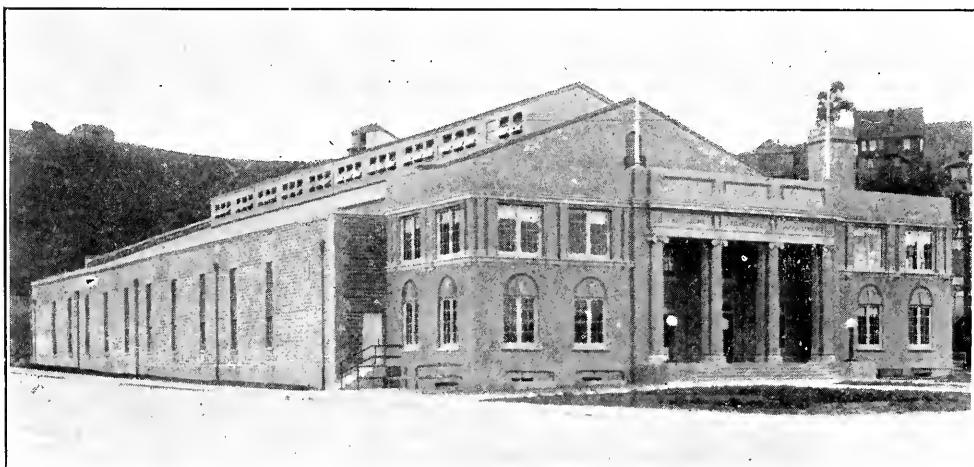
The new wharf is 500 feet long and is constructed of piles and timber decking at



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MUNICIPAL NATATORIUM

a cost of \$72,000. Continuous shipments of sugar have been made since the new wharf was placed in operation.



P. M. SANFORD
President
Chamber of Commerce

largest of these is Nicholl Park, containing eighteen acres. This park has been artistically laid out and well planted. The recreational plan includes Memorial Park, Elm Park, Pullman Playgrounds, South Richmond Playground and other similar projects.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in completing street and sewer work, and for projects which are now under way.

During the last fiscal year 534 building permits were issued involving building construction valued at more than \$1,500,000. More than eighty permits for alterations were issued for construction which cost \$31,000.

A project contemplated for the spring is the widening of San Pablo Avenue within the city limits between the Santa Fe Railroad and Wildcat Creek. The street when the improvements are completed will provide a roadway sixty-eight feet wide and sidewalks and gutters.

An electric sign has been installed at Macdonald Avenue and San Pablo Avenue at a cost of \$3800 as a means of directing traffic into Richmond.

Richmond Annex has come into the city, adding about 750 people to a growing population. Building activities have centered in the Mira Vista Tract and remarkable development has taken place there.

Richmond's school-building program represents a large part of the money spent in building construction in Richmond during the past year.

The Santa Fe Railroad constructed a special spur track connecting with the new pier, thereby bringing rail facilities to shipside.

Development of parks and playgrounds has gone forward apace since the voting of a \$150,000 bond issue for recreational purposes. At the present time, Richmond is developing seven parks and playgrounds. The

Work has been started or is nearly completed on five grammar or grade schools in the Richmond School District while plans have been accepted for Richmond's new union high school, which alone will cost \$600,000.

The school building program is being carried out under a bond issue of \$850,000 voted by the citizens of the Richmond School District which takes in El Cerrito and some unincorporated territory north and east of San Pablo Avenue, known as Kensington Park.

The high school, designed by Louis S. Stone, Oakland architect, is one of the most modern school buildings in the State. It is located on property acquired by the school department several years ago, comprising nineteen acres fronting on Twenty-third Street adjoining the Princeton Knitting Mills at Tulare Street.

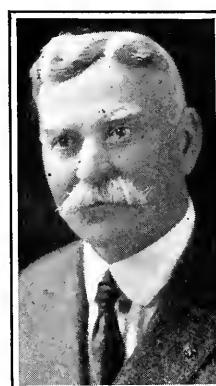
The site is one of the largest, if not the largest, in any Pacific Coast metropolitan area.

An auditorium, with a seating capacity of 1500, forms the central feature of the building group, with the administration building and a large classroom building on either side. The left wing of the group will house the home economics department and the school cafeteria, while the right wing will accommodate the science department class rooms.

In the rear of the auditorium will be the library and study halls and commercial buildings. In addition there will be a large gymnasium, and automotive, printing, wood-working and machine shops, occupying separate units.

East and north of the buildings, in a natural amphitheatre, the stadium will be constructed where track and field meets, football and baseball games will be held. It is possible to build bleachers in this natural amphitheatre, accommodating more than 5,000 persons.

The main buildings will be constructed of faced brick with tile roofs and will be fire-proof throughout. The style of architecture is typically Californian with a ten-



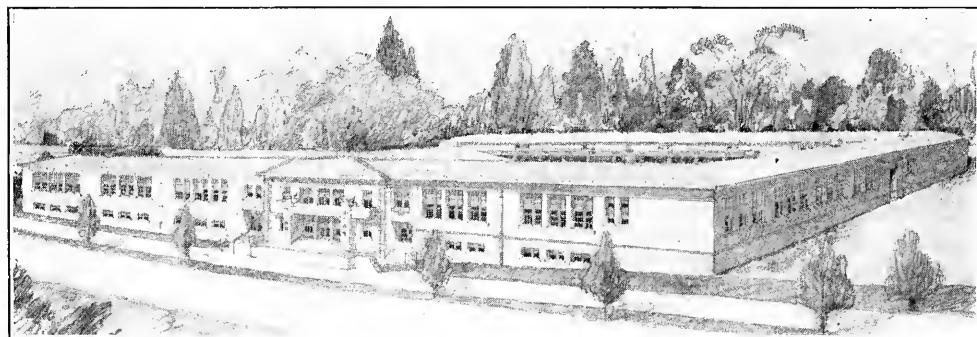
HARRY ELLS
President
Industrial Commission

dency toward the Spanish type as emphasized in the tile roofs. The administration building will be the only unit of the school group two stories high. Classrooms, study halls, shops, will be one story.

While there are but 800 pupils in the present high school, the new high school is being built to accommodate 2400 students and will combine both the senior and junior high school features.

At the Peres School, Fifth and Pennsylvania, a five-room addition, a kindergarten room and an auditorium are being built at a cost of \$72,600. This addition is of brick and plaster and is 95 per cent complete.

The Kensington School in Kensington Park is a one-story building, comprising six classrooms and an auditorium with play-rooms for boys and girls in the basement.



FAIRMONT SCHOOL

Building operations for the grade schools, with the exception of the Kensington School, are for additions to accommodate the growing school enrollment.

James T. Narbett, Richmond architect, designed the additions and the Kensington School. His report shows that the addition to the Grand School, Grant Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street, is 95 per cent completed. It consists of two rooms and a kindergarten. The addition is one story, brick and plaster exterior, carrying out the same design as the present building. The contract price is \$16,700.

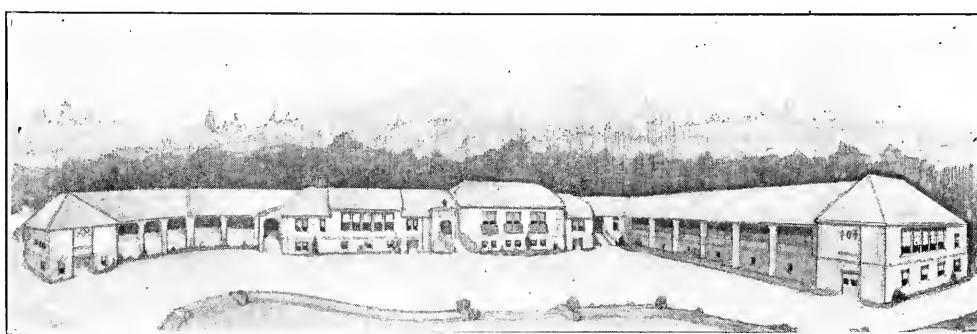
Six rooms and an auditorium are being built at the Fairmont School in El Cerrito, at a cost of \$76,000. All structures are of hollow tile and plaster exterior.

The construction is brick exterior with cast cement trimming. This building is about 95 per cent complete, also. It will cost, when completed, \$47,800.

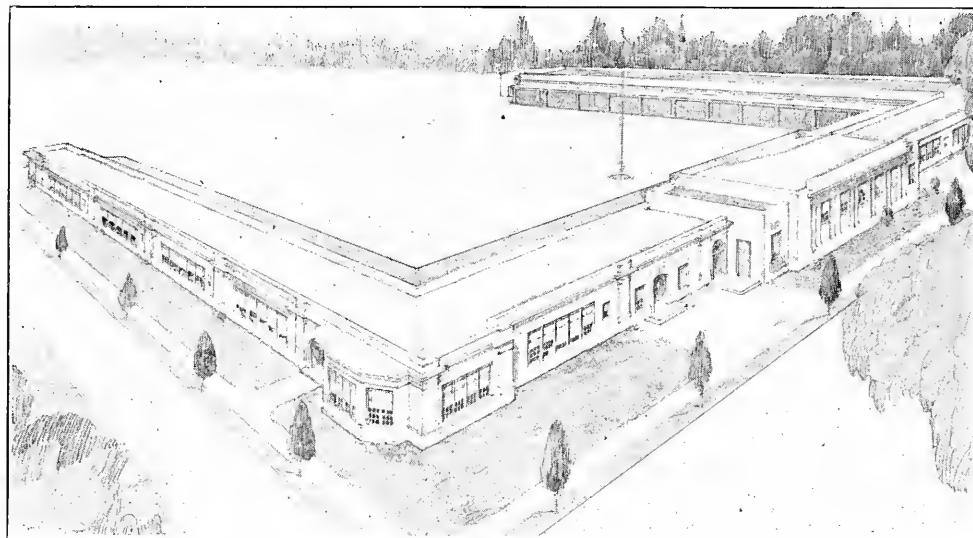
Perhaps the most notable structure completed during the past year in Richmond is Richmond's Community Hotel—the new Hotel Carquinez which was formally opened Saturday evening, July 17.

Representing an investment of \$250,000, of which \$205,000 was raised by public subscription, the Hotel Carquinez places Richmond on the hotel map of America. It is Richmond's first first-class hotel.

The hostelry stands at the northeast corner of Tenth and Nevin Streets, one block east of Macdonald Avenue, the main business thoroughfare of the city. It is five



KENSINGTON PARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL



PERES SCHOOL

stories in height, constructed of brick and steel and concrete, fireproof throughout.

The hotel was built entirely of materials produced in Richmond or Contra Costa County and the hardware and sanitary equipment used is also of East Bay manufacture.

There are seventy-five guest rooms in the hotel. The spacious lobby, the large dining room, the kitchen and the coffee shop, are other features.

Barrett & Hilp were the builders of the structure and they employed local subcontractors throughout the construction. James Placheck of Berkeley was the architect.

The hotel is under a long term lease to William B. Hamilton, operator of the Hamilton Chain Hotels, which includes hotels in Fresno, Stockton, Marysville, Santa Barbara, San Diego, the new community hotel in Alameda now being built, and another community hotel under way in Tracy.

The new building of the Mercantile Trust Company of California, First Richmond Branch, at the northeast corner of Tenth and Macdonald Avenue, represents an investment, according to Lincoln J. Younce, vice-president of the company, of \$225,000. The building will be ready for occupancy on or about December 15.

Designed by Nathaniel Blaisdell, San Francisco architect, the building is four

stories high with a deep basement. It is of Colonial architecture, the only bank building in California of similar design, and represents the last word in bank arrangement. The building is of red brick facing with marble trimmings. The bank, occupying the mezzanine, the first floor and the basement, will have tile floorings with marble and mahogany trimmings.

There are 26,500 square feet of floor space in the building of which the bank



MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY

will occupy approximately 15,000 square feet. The building is built on a lot with a 50-foot frontage on Macdonald Avenue and 110-foot depth on Tenth Street, and will have two entrances, one on Macdonald and one on Tenth Street, both leading into the elevator and the upper floors.

In the basement will be located the ladies' rest room, numerous conference and coupon booths, a large recreation room for employes, with a luncheon room, reading room and billiard tables. Here, too, will be located two mammoth safe deposit and storage vaults.

On the main floor, directly back of the cages, will be located one of the largest coin vaults in the bay district. The book-keeping department, a handsomely appointed executive office and a large conference room are on this floor also. The trust department and the telephone switch-board will be located on the mezzanine floor.

Among the more important industries to locate in Richmond during the last year was the San Francisco Bridge Company, largest contracting firm of its kind in the West. The bridge company has filled and developed forty-one acres of land for its own use, and has built shops, warehouses and a marine railway. One contract it has recently secured is that to build the pier at Berkeley for the Golden Gate Ferry Company at a cost of nearly \$750,000. A great tonnage of bridge timbers, piling and other material will move through the Richmond harbor for this job. At a concrete and moulding plant being established at the bridge company site, 4,000 concrete piles and caps will be made.

The Duncanson-Harrelson Company, another big contracting firm has located on a six acre harbor tract. A tract of twenty-one acres has been secured by the Enterprise Foundry Company for future use for a metal plant.

Approximately \$500,000 is being invested by the Standard Pacific Sanitary Manufacturing Company in enlarging its enameling plant at Essex and Critchett Streets in Richmond, and the San Pablo pottery plant known as the Pacific Pottery Plant No. 2 at San Pablo. The work on the latter plant is nearing completion while that at the enameling works has just gotten under way.

This concern is recognized as the world's largest plumbing and sanitary equipment manufacturing company and under the present expansion plans will double its output, double its working force and increase its annual payroll from \$1,200,000 to about \$2,000,000.

The company's the result of the consolidation last year of the Pacific Pottery Works, the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company and the Pacific Sanitary Manufacturing Company.

The foregoing industrial developments indicate how many important firms are now making their homes in Richmond. It is reported authoritatively that the Ford Motor Company has decided to erect a plant in Richmond, but details of the transaction are not available. More and more manufacturers are coming to realize the strategic position of Richmond as a manufacturing center, and the future will see an ever increasing number of nationally-known firms establishing their plants in this section of the great East Bay district.

Richmond sees its future with clear vision. Substantial business and civic leaders are laying the foundation for a great and important city. Clean-cut administration of municipal affairs, better schools, finer homes, solid industrial and business expansion—Richmond has achieved these things, and is ready for still greater advancement.



STANDARD PACIFIC SANITARY MANUFACTURING COMPANY

THE ANNUAL BARBECUE WAS THE BEST YET!

WELL, we had the annual barbecue, and it was a "lulu." Every year we hold a better barbecue than the year before, but this year—well, if you didn't go you've heard about it by this time.

There was something doing every minute!

Again we must say that those three personable gentlemen, Charlie Fieberling, Bob Cavanaugh and Frank Pretti are world beaters when it comes to entertainment.

Right away after every one got there, the baseball fans began to cry for blood. It appeared that the first thing on the program was a battle to the death between the girls of the General and Business Offices, and the Corporation Yard.

Space does not permit a detailed account of this ball game, but it was historic, too. Babe Ruth and the Great Alexander might well have studied the technique displayed. After five hard fought innings, the team from the Corporation Yard won by a score of 14 to 10. The score indicates just how good a game it was.

The winning team was composed of Virginia Clark, Grace Pillotti, Carolyn Strong, Juliana Montano, Ester Heideckker, Jessie Wishart, Marilla Williams, Billie Heidecker and Ethel Aronson.

Girls composing the team from the offices were Myrtle Reimers, Beulah Evans, Marjorie Green, Adelaide Drahner, Esther Parker, Francys Wetherell, E'Laine Parker, Adeline Clark, Marion Schwartz and Mary Brown.

Jack Hunter served as umpire and escaped with his life: His decisions were close, but fair.

Both players and rooters were exhausted at the end of the baseball exhibition and badly in need of nourishment; the dinner call was sounded and everybody sat down to the long tables beneath the trees and ate his or her fill. During luncheon, the bean-guessing lists were passed around, the bean counters started to work and when their labors were finished, it was found that Waldemar Strom was the winner.

After lunch a series of special events was run off. Children, and grown-ups too, participated in the chicken chasing contest. The chicken got away and made for the ravine with a shouting crowd after it. Dorothy Smith succeeded in making the capture.

Bob Cavanaugh then produced a white rabbit. The children were lined up and at the appointed signal Bob attempted to induce the rabbit to run—but the rabbit would not. The result—rabbit, children, and some grown-ups piled up with the rabbit on the bottom. But the lucky rabbit was protected, for Genevieve Goodfield had reached it first.

Next the guinea hen was turned loose and fled with the crowd in pursuit. It was then that L. A. Norville demonstrated that watchful waiting pays. Norville was seated at one of the tables taking no part in the chase, when the guinea hen nearly ran over him. As a result he collected the prize money.

Last but not least in the contests was the greased pig! To say the least this was a slick event. The pig was turned loose. Women screamed and strong men gave aid. A selected few of the pig catchers followed the Berkshire closely, and finally Manuel Costa obtained a lasting grip and thereby became the owner of the pig and the prize money.

Interest was added to the day by the early announcement that a \$10 gold piece had been hidden in plain sight about the grounds. Everyone hunted high and they hunted low but no one could find the money until late in the afternoon it was sighted by John Davilla, tucked away in the bark of a tree.

A series of races during the afternoon gave N. C. Price an opportunity to prove he was the fleetest of foot among the men present. Catherine Bauchera won the girls' race, while Genevieve Goodfield bested the field for small girl racers. Manuel Martinez won the boys' race.

Margaret Baird, 12-year-old Charleston dancer, proved to be the best exponent of the Charleston on the grounds. She was therefore awarded the prize. Plenty of competition was drawn by the prize waltz. The winners were Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Connor and "Bobbie" Dolan and Frank Pretti.

Dancing was continued throughout the afternoon and as long thereafter as anyone wished to shake a foot.

When all was over, we went home tired and happy, voting it the best barbecue in the history of the company and looking forward to the next one.

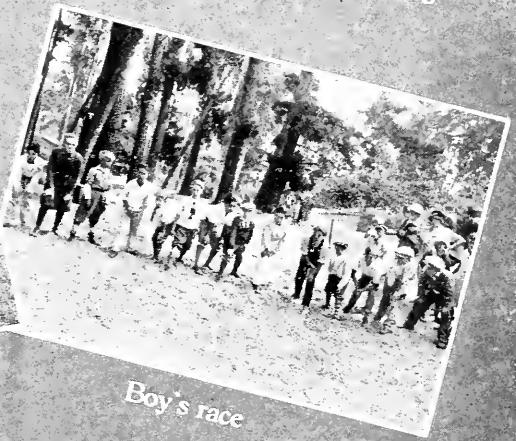
Scenes at the 1926 Barbecue



Baseball team, Corporation Yard



Men's race



Boy's race

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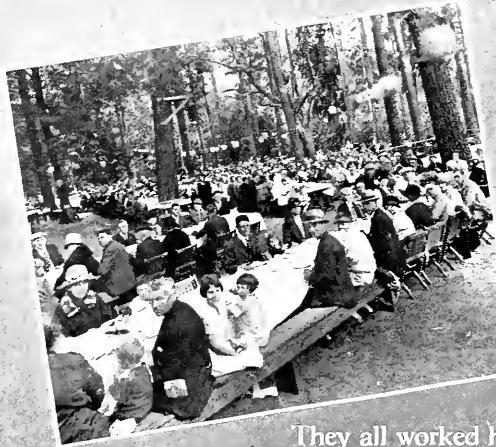
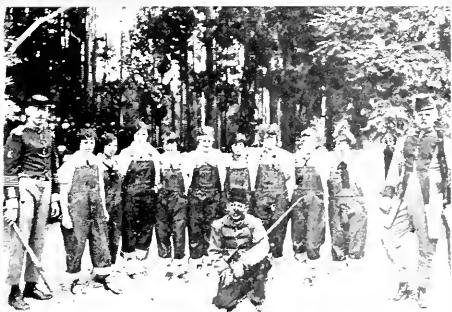
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caught the chicken



Waldegrave
champion team rooster

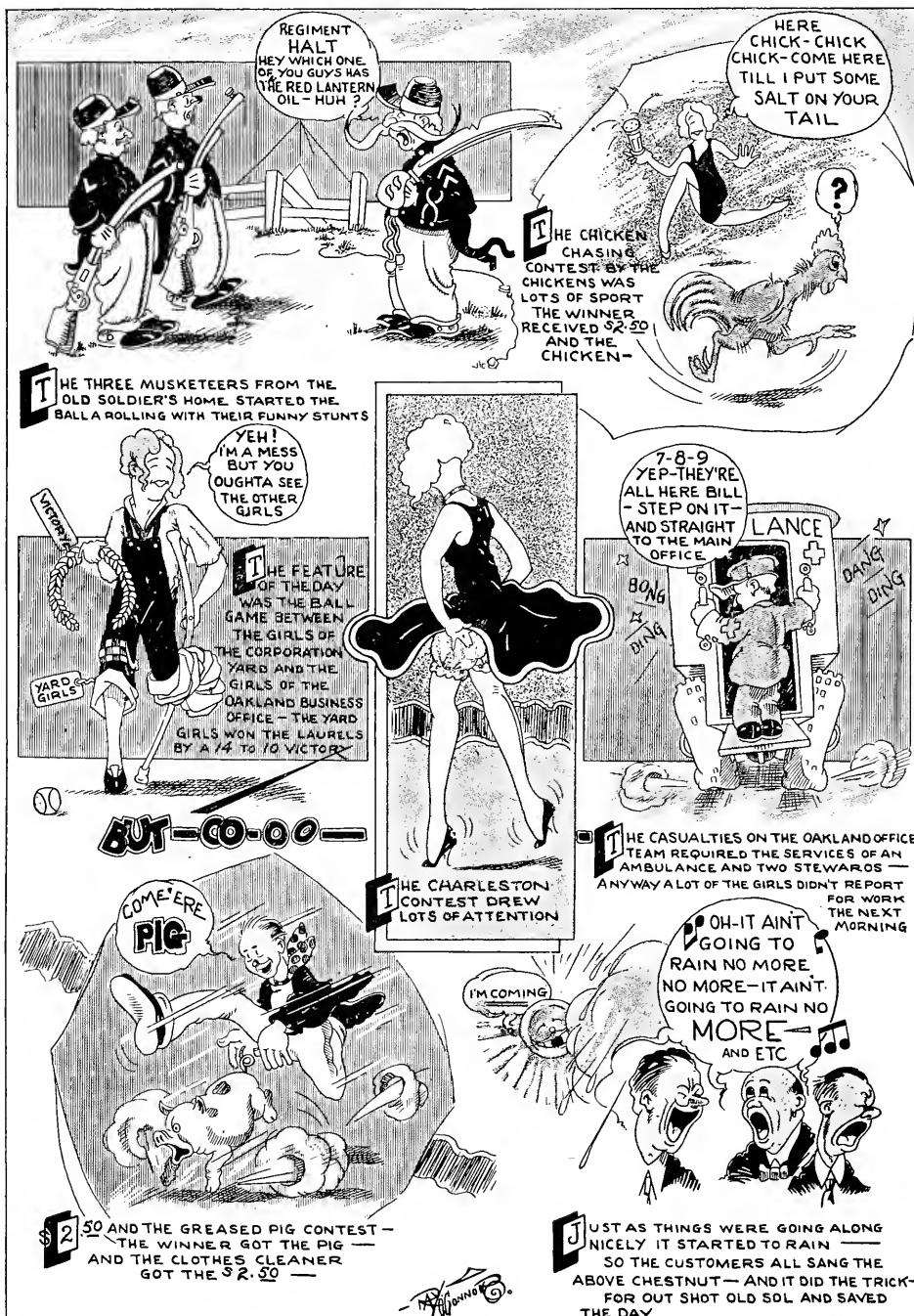


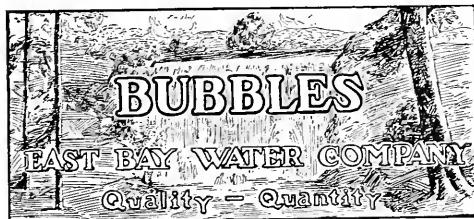
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They all worked hard at this game

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WATERSPRINGS

THE late A. C. Benson, well-known author and member of the famous family, in the last two years of his life wrote some charming essays, and of "watersprings" he says:

"Water is, after all, the eternal symbol of all that we most desire, and a landscape without water is a landscape without charm; whether it comes dashing down in a wooded cleft, among great boulders, and ridged slabs of rock, brown with the peat of the hill-marshes and with a gleam of fallen gold in the rushing spray; or whether it floats, a sun-dappled mirror, fringed with meadow-sweet and loose-strife, depth within depth along the many-herded plain, or dashes fresh over the lonely weir among deserted fields with the sweet scent of broken waters, or curves and scoops among high banks or red loam through level pastures, it always has the same cool-

ness and purity, the same power of transfiguring into something new and surprising whatever it conceals or reflects, the same gentle and relentless advance, the same timid yet overwhelming power; it is the type of all healing and refreshment, all silent rebellious, unhurried advances, unclaimed victories.

"It stands for the joys that need no asserting, for the love that makes no protestations, the patience which no force can thwart. It is the quickener of life; however soiled, it is incapable of retaining the taint; however bound and ill-used, it has the secret of escape, however wild and dreary its wanderings, it returns faithfully to perfect peace and quiet."

STOCK IN TRADE

"A man is known by the company he keeps and a Company is known by the men it keeps."

To be associated with an organization in which the spirit of unselfish co-operation is to be found is always desirable. It is not hard for a stranger just entering the organization's employ to sense the presence or absence of such a spirit. Its presence indicates a commendable satisfaction among the Company's employees and presupposes a higher degree of possible service to its customers.

Being happy and unselfish among ourselves is one long step towards the higher goal of pleasing and satisfying those who look to us for satisfactory service, with a smile.

It seems logical to believe that no organization may remain continuously a desirable place to work unless it is as well a satisfactory place for our customers. This Company advertises the excellent quality of its service. In this respect it can do no more.

FRIENDSHIP

The only reason why we like some people more than others is that they have some qualities that we like so well that we overlook their objectionable traits. Always take a visitor through the front door first and feed him well. He is then in a mood to forgive almost anything he may find in the rear. We all have some lovable traits. Find out what they are and keep them on display especially to new acquaintances. A firm friendship will stand a lot.

"BUBBLES" from OUR CORRESPONDENTS

OAKLAND · BERKELEY
ALAMEDA · RICHMOND
CORPORATION YARD

GENERAL OFFICES.—Gladys Townsend recently enjoyed a week's outing in Los Angeles and on her return purchased a Ford coupe. She drives from Alameda every morning and is a bear at parking (if there is plenty of room). Don't get a heavy foot, Gladys, and stay away from the judge.

Helen Baur Creighton and Eva Gravem Webb were in to see us. They made a short call and of course no work was completed in the stenographic and files department during their visit. Helen has her hair bobbed. We don't know "How come" but it looks becoming.

Nothing much to talk about around the mail table these days. Frances Kerns and Marjorie Green have had a permanent wave and a reset. Francys Wetherell had a party. Myrtle Maddy and Grace Blake are getting most of the phone calls and Max Carash is still watching the additions to capital and deductions from surplus.

The sympathy of the employees is extended to Paul Magerstadt, whose father recently passed on.

Roy Sedgwick recently purchased an honest-to-goodness piece of land in Walnut Creek. At the present time he is trying to audit the bills for digging one well and some day in the dim and distant future will audit the bills for one house on said land.

Clarence Borgeson is having a nice rest at Merritt Hospital, convalescing from a recent operation for appendicitis.

Elizabeth Hansen took a leave of absence and enjoyed a rest and good time at Los Angeles.

The sympathy of the employees is extended to Walter Curtin whose mother passed on recently.



J. P. FIEBERLING
Correspondent

Irvin Tompkins is a new addition at the Rose Street Pumping Plant.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the California Section of the American Water Works Association was held at San Diego on October 28, 29 and 30. A number of the members of the engineering department motored down. S. M. Marks also attended the convention. They all report a good time and a most interesting and instructive meeting. Swimming, sight-seeing, golf, Tia Juana, races, and everything.

On Saturday, November 27, the Good Cheer Club of the Company will stage its annual dance for the benefit of those who are in need of a little financial help at Christmas and during the coming year. It is not necessary for us to tell of the wonderful work this Club has accomplished in the past, but owing to lack of funds this year, many of our own employees were neglected. With the assistance of every member of the Company we can make the fund bigger and better this year. Bobbie Dolan has the responsibility of the Club for the season 1925-1926 and she wants plenty of help to make the dance a financial success. Don't be backward in donating your services or any old clothes, new clothes, dolls, toys and last but not least—money.

The Auditing Department has added Ethel Pinella as a punch operator and Marion Engle as a tabulating operator.

OAKLAND DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICE.—Vacations all over and soon we'll be reading those "so many more days to shop" signs. Soon it will be Christmas Eve and we shall again see Fritzie render a spring dance with a cigar in his mouth.

The Christmas dance is scheduled for the latter part of November and every one will be there to crack out the old checkels.

Speaking of dollars and cents, there are a lot of people who haven't a dime in their tights after betting on Dempsey, baseball and the California football team. Clarence is being very quiet about his friend, Harry Wills. If you remember, Wills didn't last very long in the fight, but Clarence has nothing at all to say on the matter except-

ing that he was mighty glad he couldn't find anyone to bet with him.

It was a great shock to everyone when they were informed of the death of Mr. Le Conte, as he was reported to have been doing nicely after his operation.

The new switch board is quite an asset to the office. It gives us quite a prosperous air. Abbie Homer now shares the board with Isabelle Cawpille.

Ann has a new boy friend. He's a honey. Took Ann riding on the shoot-the-shoots at the beach and recited poetry to her. Not be casting any asparagus at Ann's beau, but we can think of a lot better place than the top of a scenic railway to spout poetry.

Beulah received a fifty-cent tip for being extra courteous to a gentleman. Speaks well for Beulah's manners. She has sung "I Had Someone Else Before I Had You and I'll Have Someone After You've Gone" to Ross. She is taking a much stronger interest in dentistry than in law these days. His name rhymes with "why."

Marie's "two-timing" high, wide and handsome between San Francisco and Santa Clara. She doesn't know which one is ace high. They both want Saturday dates and Marie is in a quandary what to do? What to do? Gentlemen prefer blondes.

Catherine again has been in the lime light. She appeared at the State in the Personality Contest and made all the other dolls look like a load of hay. She was in line to win the works when she withdrew from the contest.

There was much regret at Lucille's resignation. Jess Reed has taken her place in the Service Department. Jess's Al is still as much in evidence as ever. The situation looks indeed promising.

Bob Elliot is getting healthier and healthier daily. If he keeps on at the pace he has been going, he will weigh ten pounds less than a horse. Bob realized, for the first time, some months ago, that the 18th Amendment was in effect and he has been an ardent disciple of Mr. Volstead ever since.

Bloss had a birthday the other day and Fritz donated a gardenia. Burton had better look to his laurels. Bloss's dad gave her a party and it is a well known fact that Mr. Taber surely knows his vegetables when it comes to giving bangs. From scraps of conversation gathered thither and yon, this one was a bender.

Dot Angel's birthday also appeared on the scene this week and the Navy's offering was a couple of dozen red roses—with stems *that* long—wired all the way from San Diego. Don must be fat as a goose to be able to crack out with a gift like that. We all thought that it was curtains for the Navy a few months ago when Bill walked upon the scene. However, Bill is indigent Jave at present and has taken a walk out powder.

Norman has forsaken the gentle art of horse shoe hurling for the less strenuous recreation of poker. He was flat on it for a week but his luck has apparently changed as he has been wreathed in smiles of late. Upon close observance—say within a radius of six inches—it will be seen that Norman has a shadow on his upper lip which he claims is a thriving mustache. There is some curiosity as to who gave Norman the "shanty." Have you seen it?

We are thankful that Mr. Joy is regaining his health rapidly.

E'Laine Parker gets a letter a day from Stanford and on Sunday she receives a special delivery, to say nothing of telephone calls. The fact is generally known that it is in the spring when all these things happen, usually, but around this office any old season does just as well.

Julia is another of these letter-a-day numbers. Johnny hails from Nevada and you'd be surprised to know how many week-ends he makes Oakland. It's a long walk.

Arvilla has had a long face since duck season opened, as the boy friend goes a-hunting every week-end for to shoot her a duck.

The latest reports are that Polly is in the pink.

Mr. Drinkwater kept the office posted on the Big League scores for which every one was duly thankful.

Bobby Dolan and Frank Pretti won \$2.50 at the barbecue while dancing the "garlic waltz," a new form of terpsichorean art.

ROAD TO HAPPINESS

CONDITION

SAFETY FIRST AND LAST

Foolish hurry results in long delay.
Caution is not fear.

A chance taker is an accident maker.
Think first. Don't ride in an automobile and do your thinking in a hospital.

The following verse was found on Jack Fieberling's desk and the author is unknown.

The rose is red,
The violet blue;
This little bill
Is overdue.
Please pay it now;
Don't wait till when
The rose and violet
Bloom again.

For if you do
Delay it thus,
No violet
Will bloom for us.

Unless you pay,
The rose will rest
Upon your fair
And manly chest.

The birds will sing,
But what of that;
We shall not hear them
Where we're at.

So come across—
We need the dough;
Not in the spring,
But now, you know.

The rose is read,
The violet blue;
Do we need cash?
I'll say we do.

CENTRAL BILLING BUREAU.—Four big events spell the seasons of the year for the employees of the Company. The Annual Banquet, the Lake Chabot Barbecue, Good Cheer Club Dance, and last but not least—Pay Day.

Now that Lucille Small has purchased a home she watches for pay day. Hazel Madison remembers the "B" (bee) in debt and Antoinette Perry says "How Long is a Chinaman." Winnie Smyth answers: "I don't know how long he is, but he certainly takes long enough with my old clothes." Antoinette: "I did not ask you a question. That's his name—How Long."

We are all looking forward to the Good Cheer Dance. Ruby Brandt has the turkey tickets for sale. Real live honest to goodness toikeys. Take a chance. Absotivil.

Edith Harrington finished the vacation schedule this year. She reported a very enjoyable and scenic trip to the Canadian Rockies.

The renewal of field sheets covering the East Bay sections are now under way. Helen Mangan and Georgia Parker are handling the clerical work. Georgia Parker: And they call these field sheets. I wonder if the water meters go to bed just like us.

CORPORATION YARD

RAY LANGE, our correspondent, cut the rope on Sunday, September 12, and launched his boat on the Sea of Matrimony. Among his crew are Harmony and Accord. Ray says that he has chartered a course founded on observations of the benedicts that he knows and that he is sure he can pilot his staunch craft through the straits and narrows of the treacherous sea.

Jack Zimmerman spent his vacation in Los Angeles and from the looks of his Hudson one would think he left it in a garage. No dents???

Mickey O'Brien has returned from his sojourn in Carmel by the Sea,

much to the regret of certain other gentlemen connected with this Company, who have in the past been making frequent visits to Carmel ostentatiously to visit Mickey.

Andrew Gawley, the yard's fashion plate, also one of the world's foremost connoisseurs of blondes, has left the employ of the Company to accept a position in the Hibernian Bank of San Francisco. Sorry to see you go, Andy, but wish you success in your new position.

Joe Cotteral, he of the blushing complexion, is in love again, this being the third time in three months. Keep it up, Joe, but remember he who plays with fire is liable to get scorched.

Blaine Becker, recently of Utah, is sporting a new blue sedan. Also take notice, girls, he is single.

"Clarkie" says she likes them young and fat, particularly if they have cute little mustaches.

Harriett Boardman says she does not think as much of her blue Ford as formerly. She now has a half interest in a Chrysler roadster.

Bill Bowers, one of our truck drivers, recently spent the week end in Richmond. But he says, never again.

Vera Patch, comptometer operator, is leaving shortly for a trip through the canal



R. LANCE
Correspondent

to visit in the east and Canada for several months, and upon her return expects to engage in business in Berkeley. We are sorry to see her leave but wish her a pleasant journey and a safe return.

Bill Flinner wonders why it is
That he's so fat and plump
That every time he weighs himself
The figures take a jump.

He says he doesn't eat so much,
Nor drink so much as 'fore,
And yet with all this "cutting out"
He's gaining more and more.

A wise man one remarked, "Bill,
Laugh and you grow fat,"
So I guess that little laugh of yours
Is all to blame for that.

Esther Swan recently celebrated her birthday and spent the following week recovering.

"Shorty" Wyman says he may be a grandfather, but that he has not forgotten his childhood days. We caught him playing "I Spy" in the warehouse recently.

Secretary Marks visited the yard recently. We are always glad to see you and talk over the old days. Come again.

We believe Jessie Wishart missed her vocation—she should have been a school teacher—at least in our day they used to ask a horrible lot of questions.

James Stevens, yard superintendent, returned from his vacation and reported a wonderful time, although he was rather reticent as to the locality in which he had it.

Again two timekeepers have been added to the unemployed list. The boys with the horseshoe and rabbit foot are J. Tieslau and H. P. Schreader. Welcome to our midst, brothers, and may ye never have taps to install.

Paddy Horan spent his vacation between the dentist's and doctor's offices. This was not enjoyable, to say the least, but Paddy says he is a much better man now.

Hank Gutte claims that his accident scared at least three misses out of his Ford. This statement seems ambiguous when one realizes it is only a roadster.

Perry came down to the yard the other day sporting a pair of Bowery Brogues. This type of footwear consists of oxfords of a light tan embellished with buttons. Page Gawley.

Perhaps it was only a whisper, or perhaps it was only the noise of a paper sack tearing, yet all the lads in the warehouse

knew that Joey had "made" somebody's lunch and were right at his elbow. Every section of the yard has its peculiarities. They say that the paint shop crew can tell various varieties of paint by its odor, even at great distance, immersed as they are in the overpowering fumes of banana oil.

Walter Anderson says it's better to be born lucky than rich. He certainly proved he was of the former class when he recently connected with a Santa Fe train. The flivver being demolished, but Walter emerging without a scratch. He says the shop whistle scares him every time it blows.

"Zook" Alzer has increased his chest measurement four inches since the new Graham truck was assigned to him.

The Turn Off Department gave a dinner last week in a local Italian restaurant. It sure was some feed (including all the trimmings), ordered by Frank Petti, foreman of the department. If you doubt it, ask Messrs. Klaus, Farrell or Hawley, but don't ask Fred Brownell—he couldn't tell you. Why? Dave Barry was a little off his feed—he did not tell his famous duck and frog story.

Messrs. Reilley, Gerlach, Griffin and party opened the duck season with a bang, in fact, many bangs—result, two baby ducks. Whether these two baby ducks were shot, or coaxed into their shack with wheat is a matter of opinion. They say that they were handicapped by being in a fog—whether climatic or circumstantial, is another matter of opinion.

Policeman (2 a.m.): "What are you hanging around this house for?"

McLaughlin: "Because I'm married and live in it!"

Zetta Dunstans sends her best wishes to the big family.

THE NAUGHTY LITTLE MAID

A youth once met a little maid,
Who made believe she was afraid;
Gallantly he raised his hat,
While his heart went pit-a-pat.

Ah! what a naughty little maid,
For she was not a bit afraid;
And, could we the truth get at,
Her heart, too, went pit-a-pat.

Should you meet such a little maid,
You may be sure she's not afraid;
Little maids delight in that
They make hearts go pit-a-pat.

—Charles G. Reed

BERKELEY DISTRICT

OUR Berkeley Office is undergoing quite a thankful transformation. The new heating system just installed is proving a great success, and from now on we expect to hear no more chilly, "Good morning, brrr, brrr, it's cold" from the girls.

Madolyn Cooke says, "To think of all the boys I knew in Pittsburg, I finally had to come to California to find the one I wanted." Congratulations are in order. Madolyn and Ray take the big step October 20.

Mabel Smith was overheard to say, "I wish I had a couple of days off so that I could go up to Wawona to see how Mike and Ike, my pet monkeys, are getting along. She threatens to waltz a baby elephant into the office some day.

Ralph Boyd has been in the shade again for the past few weeks. Ralph has been having a little trouble with his eyes, and is wearing the dark cheaters. Claims this year's invasion of pretty university co-eds has something to do with it.

Gertrude Nathanson believes there must be a Santa Claus. The office had a two-bit pool on the recent Dempsey-Tunney tussle, and Gertrude was the only Tunney backer on the list. Next morning saw Gertie with miles of smiles.

Hazel Hooper is very quiet about her vacation, but we gather she enjoyed a wonderful time at Santa Barbara. "Not a single earthquake to mar my fun," says Hazel.

Our own diving Venus, Electa Musgrave, is back after a short rest. "This resting part is fine, but I do take on weight when I'm idle," quotes Electa. Glad to have you with us again, Electa!

Jack Hansen reports a wonderful time during his vacation, which was spent in Movieland. Jack said it's the first time he has ever gotten his money's worth on these boat trips—when he ate, the meals stayed with him. Some sailor.

This office fears we will lose "Bill"



T. N. CRAFTS
Correspondent

Heidekker soon. It has been rumored that during a recent baseball game in which Bill's batting average was 1000, she was being watched by the New York Yankees baseball scout, whom we understand has a contract ready for "Babe Ruth" Heidekker.

Walter Stoddard spent his vacation in Southern California. He enjoyed the real estate offices and beaches—oh! and also his new Dodge.

Jack Reilley says that between taking care of his Irish terrier, mowing and sprinkling the lawn, and hoping Henry Ford's new plan goes through, he hasn't time for anything else.

Nick Solari is working 20 men on Shattuck Avenue where they are running an 8-inch main from University Avenue to Rose Street. This improvement will be of great value because it will place more water in the center of Berkeley.

Craig Snyder has entered this Company's employ and we welcome him to our midst. He takes the place of Paul Robinson, who has returned to the University of California to major in Economics.

Zita Dougery eagerly awaits the results of each California football game. Every Saturday when she isn't at the stadium to witness them for herself, her sister rings her up on every quarter to let her know who is ahead, and why shouldn't she, when Cousin Jimmie Dougery and brother are stars on California's Varsity team.

This office can now boast of another devotee of the fair goddess, golf. "Margie" Hughes spent the day sacred to the discovery of America chasing the little white pill around a golf course.

We expect soon to hear conversations like the following:

"Margie": I could have made that hole in one if—

Ralph: Tough luck, if the wind hadn't been blowing the wrong way my score would have been ??????

Eleanor Gerrie has resigned her position as relief teller to enter Vassar College, where she hopes to graduate with honors. Good luck to you, Eleanor.

Hammill and Murray, the new regulars of Abe Solomon's troupe of collectors are taking care of their end in a very efficient manner. Keep up the good work, boys.

ALAMEDA DISTRICT

ALTHOUGH the new Bay Farm Island highway was completed some time ago, official recognition was taken only last week, when the Chamber of Commerce of Alameda with representatives from San Leandro and Hayward held the dedicatory ceremonies. It was quite an interesting affair and was instrumental in bringing out many ideas as to the wonderful possibilities of this newest highway to the south. Among some of the suggestions were to take advantage of the long stretch of sandy beach and establish an immense bathing resort, while on the higher reclaimed land would be located golf links, baseball diamonds and football fields. All these suggestions are practical, and possibly in the future this particular stretch of vacant land will be known as the playground of the west.

Andy Gawley, who was employed as time-keeper, dropped in on us to say goodbye. The reason for the fond farewell is that Andy is leaving the Company to take a position in a large banking institution in San Francisco. All hands wish Andy good luck and success in his new field of endeavor.

The latest addition to the ever increasing regiment of radio fans is Joe Paladini. While not quite a full fledged fan as yet, the radio bug or whatever it is that takes hold of a perfectly good man of family and causes him to lock himself up night after night in a cold attic so that he may pull in Salt Lake City or possibly get a squeak out of Chicago, has been flirting with Joe for a long time with but indifferent success. Now, however, things have been changed and unmistakable symptoms common to the “dial twister shake” are beginning to make their appearance and to those who have been over the route only one cure is known, and that is get yourself a radio. This is just what Joe proposes to do as soon as he has looked the market over and balanced quantity and quality against his



GEO. A. MCKEAN
Correspondent

pocket book. It is only fair to Joe to mention that his fall from grace was not caused by a desire to listen in to the various brands of jazz music that is being broadcast, but rather to tune in on the nights that offer selections from Italian grand opera.

Although Richard De Marco, strong man of Joe Paladini's crew, is a very modest and democratic man, he appeared all stuck up the other day. It seems that Lunga, as he is known by his companions, had occasion to stand upon a little stump which was entirely surrounded by blackberry bushes, and whether he over-estimated his balancing powers or it was a little trick stump awaiting just such an opportunity, will never be known, but no matter what the reason was, the fact remains that Lunga stood upon the stump for one brief moment, monarch of all he surveyed, and the next instant found himself reclining upon a bed of blackberry bushes. Certainly a very awkward position to find oneself in. However, after addressing himself to the immediate bushes around him Lunga cautiously crept out. Now his spare time is occupied with a going over of the hands for stray stickers which have been overlooked.

Thelma Nordlund and Millicent King journeyed across the bay to attend the opera. Wren asked how they enjoyed it, they said it was “GRAND.”

James Finch's training as gripman on the California Street hill has stood him in good stead, for he has mastered the art of bringing his car of well known make to a complete standstill half way down the incline to the Oakland office basement. James has been making observations and is under the impression that he may be called upon for just such an emergency, hence the preparedness.

It is not so bad to work Saturday afternoons during the football season. The reason for this unusual statement is that directly across the street is a loud-speaking radio which gives the game play by play. Of course there are some interruptions, but this tends to add an element of suspense and surprise which is entirely missing when one attends the game. So for thrills with your work come to Alameda office Saturday afternoon.

Don't forget, folks, the sun shines 365 days in the year in Alameda. Come over and enjoy our wonderful climate.

RICHMOND DISTRICT

RICHMOND has recently acquired the unincorporated territory formerly known as "Richmond Annex." This district is bounded on the east by the west line of San Pablo Avenue and extends to the bay on the west and from the Alameda County line on the south to the Richmond city limits on the north. This property is comprised of over one hundred city blocks and has a population of 1000. The streets are all paved, seweried, and water mains laid throughout. This is a splendid acquisition to Richmond and will likewise be beneficial to the residents of the Annex as they will be in a position to receive the benefits of police and fire protection and other city advantages. By the way, we Richmondites are considering annexing Oakland next—so beware!

For the past month Foreman Betterton and men have been occupied on San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito installing a 12-inch cast iron main and making numerous other improvements prior to the paving of this thoroughfare. Foreman Elmer Wilson has been busy installing a number of extensions about our city, while George Pleich is keeping the pavement hot with his new Graham truck, attending to all sorts of complaints and troubles.

Richmond is preparing to install new style boulevard stop signs on Macdonald Avenue and some of the most dangerous intersections on Cutting Boulevard and Standard Avenue. Considerable trouble is now experienced in other cities on account of the inability to see the stop signs at night. The signs to be installed here will be so arranged that they will be readable at night also.

More than 80,000 people have utilized the Richmond Municipal Natatorium since its dedication less than seven months ago. A net profit of approximately \$20,000 over and above bond interest and redemption has been earned. Large crowds from around



JOHN L. RIHN
Correspondent

the bay region are attracted to our pool, which experts say is unexcelled in the state.

The Richmond Natatorium now stands as a monument to the efforts of those who worked so untiringly for its success and is now a constant source of revenue for the city. It is the largest municipal recreational improvement made in Richmond in recent years.

Municipal Wharf No. 2, situated on the Inner Harbor, is now completed and doing business. Shipments of sugar from the California-Hawaiian Sugar Refinery at Crockett are passing over the new wharf at the rate of 8 to 10 carloads daily. The sugar is brought from Crockett on river steamer to the Inner Harbor, where it is transferred to Santa Fe cars and routed to Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, and other Mississippi Valley destinations. Cargoes of lumber and other commodities are expected to pass over the wharf at an early date.

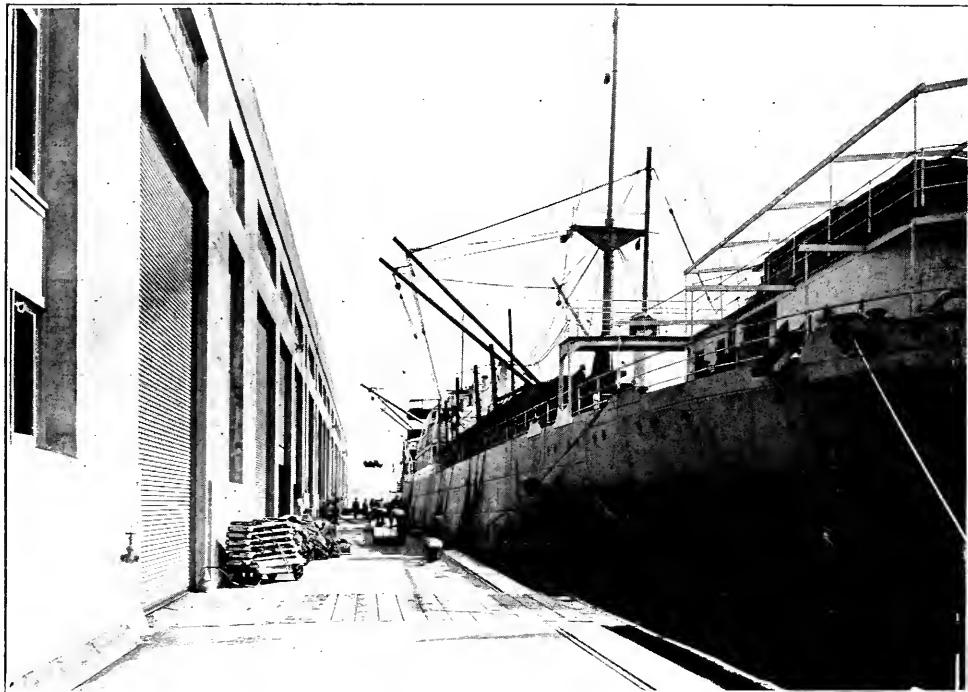
The construction of the three and three-quarter mile pier from the Golden Gate Ferry Company's San Francisco-Berkeley Ferry will result in considerable benefit to this city. The contract for this extensive job has been granted to the San Francisco Bridge Company. The bridge company occupies a site of 41 acres on our Inner Harbor.

Memories of the prosperity of Richmond's bygone days were recalled recently when 80,000 champagne bottles were being loaded into gondola cars with wheelbarrows. No thought was given to careful handling, as it mattered not. They were to be converted into more useful purposes. Oh, well—bygones must be bygones.

The opening of the duck season found our only sport, Wendell LaFranz, satisfactorily located in the rice fields expectantly waiting for the limit to fall near him.

Grant Ewing, of our Service Department, made a flying trip to Los Angeles over the week-end of October 10. He reports having had a wonderful time, although the steady driving was somewhat tiresome.

Say, what happened to our "Bubbles Club"? Haven't heard from it for quite some time. Mickey "Himself" O'Brien and "Hank" Gutte must have forgotten their social duties. If our memories serve us well, we believe we were promised a boat ride—Let's go!

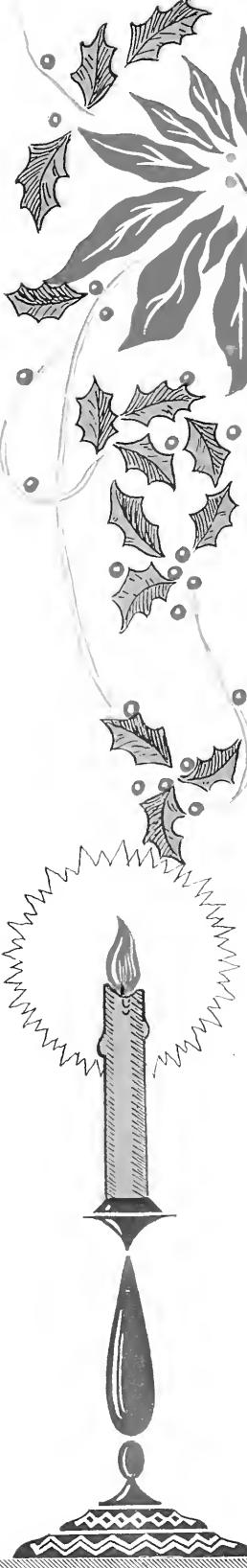


MUNICIPAL DOCK, OUTER HARBOR
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA



TRANS-SHIPPING DOCK, INNER HARBOR
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA





Greetings



Another year of service has added to the reputation of EAST BAY WATER COMPANY.

Since its organization in 1916 there has been a steady forward progress of the company in the estimation of the public.

This organization has met and overcome all difficulties and established the company in our community as a worthy and efficient agent for the collection and distribution of water—that most vital factor in human life and comfort.

This fine accomplishment is due in the main to the individual and collective work and spirits of the men and women employees of the company and to them the directors and officers of East Bay Water Company extend thanks and hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

EDWIN O. EDGERTON,
President.

EAST BAY CITIES CELEBRATE PROSPEROUS YULETIDE

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EAST BAY cities are completing the greatest year in their history with every indication that the New Year will establish the high water mark of development.

The year 1926 has been one of accomplishment and one of preparation.

As a result of this preliminary preparation, the year 1927 promises to be one of greatest achievement.

All East Bay cities have attacked the problems of better government, transportation and civic and industrial development. Substantial progress has been made, and during 1927 and thereafter the rewards of sound planning and clear thinking will be enjoyed.

The outstanding achievement of all Alameda County was the adoption of a County Charter, which experts in government point out will play an important part in financial, business, industrial and home growth through lower taxation and more efficient administration.

Oakland is solving its traffic, transportation and port problems, as well as working for improvements in city government. Definite results should be apparent during the year 1927.

Berkeley is taking steps to improve its school system, is pushing forward plans for greater harbor and industrial progress, and for the acquisition of a Civic Center.

Alameda is accomplishing additional industrial expansion and is engaged in the building of a great resort city.

Richmond is solidly supporting a united plan for harbor improvements and a greater industrial city.

San Leandro has broken its bonds and expansion of the city is assured, both industrially and residentially.

Other sections of the Great East Bay District are moving forward in the expectation that 1927 will reach new heights of advancement.

The East Bay Water Company was prepared for all of the development recorded in 1926. The Company is now, and has been for some time, preparing for the development that will take place in 1927. The Company is constantly building ahead of growing population and industry in order to meet expansion when it occurs. For this reason, the degree of expansion of the supply and distribution system of East Bay Water Company is a true barometer of the growth of the community it serves.

At the beginning of 1926, there were 112,720 meters in the area served by the Company. On January 1, 1927, it is estimated that there will be a total of 120,576 meters, an estimated gain of nearly 8,000, or about seven per cent for the year.

The average daily use of water at the beginning of 1926 was 29,495,000 gallons a day. The estimated average daily consumption for the entire year is 32,000,000 gallons a day, a gain of about 2,500,000, or eight and one-half per cent for the year.

The outstanding achievement of the East Bay Water Company during 1926 was the practical completion of the \$3,000,000 Upper San Leandro Water Project.

The huge earthen dam 185 feet high has been completed and the concrete spillway installed. A reservoir more than six miles long is formed by the dam, the reservoir having a capacity of 16,000,000,000 gallons of water.

Water will be brought to the East Bay cities through a tunnel one and one-half miles long, running beneath the East Oakland hills, to the filtration plant near the Sequoyah Country Club. The filter plant is practically completed, and a large transmission main is now being laid from the plant into the heart of Oakland.

In connection with this article, the presidents of the Chambers of Commerce of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Richmond and San Leandro have written other articles, outlining briefly the achievements of their respective cities during 1926, and setting forth their programs of development contemplated during 1927.

EPOCHAL YEAR AWAITS OAKLAND

By WILLIAM H. MAYHEW, *Retiring President,*
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ANOTHER year of achievement has been completed by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. Serving as a clearing house for the community's activities, it has, through its various committees and its board of directors, been able to accomplish a notable program of work.

Of chief interest perhaps is the industrial growth made by Oakland. The year 1926 ends with 100 new industries in the city, giving employment to 1100 workers and adding \$1,800,000 to the annual payroll. The total number of industries now in the community exceeds 800, while 300 more are found in the East Bay area.

The new Industries Committee of the chamber has continued an active campaign and is working with 275 prospects at this time.

The substantial industrial growth is no doubt due, to some extent, to the national advertising campaign being conducted by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. Started in the fall of 1925, the present campaign has now run a year and a half with splendid results.

With a relatively small sum of money, as compared with the amounts being expended by other coast cities in community advertising, Oakland has been able to tell its industrial story effectively and well. The city is better known among business executives of the East today than ever before.

The nineteen permanent committees of the organization, upon which nearly 500 men have served, have been active on various phases of community work. Their activities have been too numerous to describe in detail in this article.

Among the more outstanding matters handled have been the securing of an air port for the city, extending hospitality to hundreds of visitors, the securing of freight rate reductions for shippers, the bringing about of foreign trade consciousness in the community, the publishing of a manufacturers' directory and the conducting of two inter-city trips.

As comprehensive as the committee activities of the organization have been they do not by any means cover the year's work of the chamber. For instance, they do not take into account the hundreds of matters handled by the staff which arise from day to day. Neither do they cover the many matters that have been handled by special committees.

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce, as an example, called the first county conference to discuss the proposal for a new county charter. Throughout the deliberations on the document it took a prominent part in its promotion. Following the completion of the final draft, the chamber assumed the leadership in the campaign which resulted in its final approval by the citizens. The adoption of this measure is one of the most progressive steps that Oakland and Alameda County have made and the chamber may well be proud of the part which it took in its promotion.

Other matters in which the organization played an important part are the securing of funds to assist in the completion of the Victory Highway across the states of Utah and Nevada, giving an improved road into Northern California; the State campaign for the gas tax measure; and a study of



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the transportation problem between the cities of Oakland and Alameda.

Oakland's population has increased materially during 1926. Taking the various indices, such as water, gas, electric and telephone services on the ratio of the 1920 figures, gives a population well above the 300,000 mark. This growth is also reflected by postal receipts, bank clearings and the port business.

The latter has shown an unprecedented gain, both in ship arrivals and in tonnage handled, indicating that Oakland is rapidly taking its place among the important ports of the coast. Due to the practice of many shippers making their declarations in San Francisco, the local port does not get credit for much of the foreign business. The

chamber will continue its campaign to educate shippers to the importance of making their declarations here.

In its quest for new industries in the past few years the chamber has overlooked the home advantages which Oakland offers. Members of the Publicity Committee have recognized this fact and an endeavor will be made during 1927 to tie in this feature in the advertising done.

Charles P. Howard, the new president of the chamber, and each of the new committees, are formulating a general community development program for the new year. With the same splendid co-operation which has been extended the outgoing administration the new officers will be able to carry through a program of progressive achievement during 1927.

PRESENT AND FUTURE OF BERKELEY

By RALPH R. ELTSE, President
Berkeley Chamber of Commerce



IT is often thought that the work of a chamber of commerce begins and ends with the year and that with every twelve months certain accomplishments could be pointed to as completed and a new program could be adopted.

As a matter of fact the work of a chamber of commerce is continuing and never ending. Much of it goes on as long as the city lasts. Take the infinite variety of small accomplishments that can be listed under the name of service, for example. The Chamber of Commerce is an institution for giving the public information about the city. It can only do this by surveys, studies and analysis of conditions.

As an illustration, take the simple question: How many people have you in Berkeley now? This question is generally answered by comparisons of the growth of school registration, of new water meters and new telephones. But this year the Berkeley Chamber co-operated with the

local post office in an actual census, made by having the letter carriers carry blanks to every house in town and see that they were filled out. This was done primarily to improve the service of the post office, but it resulted in the following information of great value to the Chamber of Commerce: The population of Berkeley in June, 1926, was 78,658. Of this number, 6,683 were commuters having their business in San Francisco, and 5,499 Berkeley residents who have their business in Berkeley. There were also 1,170 persons in business in Berkeley who reside elsewhere, so that the business people served by the Berkeley post office totals 6,669, or 14 less than the Berkeley residents who commute to San Francisco.

The Chamber of Commerce has made a comprehensive industrial survey which was published in *Foreign Traders of San Francisco Bay* and has been republished with additions as a separate booklet, giving authentic information concerning Berkeley manufacturing concerns, their products, trade, working conditions, etc. This report shows a total of over \$50,000,000 worth of goods manufactured in Berkeley during the past year.

The Chamber of Commerce wrote to all the commercial organizations of the State



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asking their support of the State bond election, which was carried by a large majority, and will result in new buildings on the Berkeley campus totaling \$3,500,000 in cost.

The chamber has worked over a period of years for a Civic Center for Berkeley, and helped to secure a majority vote in favor of this project at the last election. It did not, however, receive the necessary two-thirds majority.

Public-spirited citizens, with the aid of the chamber, are now working on a plan by which they still hope to acquire the Civic Center by the formation of a holding corporation which will underwrite the purchase of the land by the Mercantile Securities Company of California, and thereafter, and from time to time, the land will be sold to the city at cost as the city accumulates the money out of the general fund.

The Chamber of Commerce continues to support the needs of the public schools whenever these needs are presented.

The chamber has been greatly interested in fire protection in the Berkeley Hills, and from the time of the formation of the Contra Costa Hills Fire Protection Committee to the present day, the Board of Directors has authorized the Managing Director of the chamber to serve as secretary of this organization. He has had, in considerable measure, the responsibility of interesting the various cities and other agencies in contributing to the work in which the East Bay Water Company as the largest owner of hill properties is so vitally interested.

Through the work of this organization a watch tower has been placed on Grizzly Peak, and beside it one of the finest watchman's homes in the whole forestry service of the country. This work is under the State Forester with the co-operation of the Forestry Department of the University of California.

Having proved by the prompt report and suppression of many hill fires, the great value of the Grizzly Peak Lookout Station to the entire East Bay region, the Contra Costa Hills Fire Protection Committee are now taking steps to erect a second lookout on Round Top. This project also has the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce and the Berkeley City Manager. It will add greatly to the safety of the cities of Berkeley, Piedmont and Oakland.

An outgrowth of this fire protection work is in the north extension of the Skyline Boulevard around Grizzly Peak to North Berkeley. This project, originally conceived many years ago by Frank Havens, had been abandoned and practically forgotten when it was revived by the Berkeley Chamber, and put before the Contra Costa Hills Fire Protection Committee as a fire prevention measure.

Approved by that body, it was proposed to Redmond C. Staats, of the Alameda County Supervisors, and carried through the County Board. The surveys have been made, many technicalities that delayed the work have been overcome, and it is expected that work on this project will soon be started. When completed it will be one of California's most superb scenic highways.

The Chamber of Commerce has for many years been interested in the development of the waterfront and has co-operated in furthering the port development planned by the late B. F. Cresson, Jr., engineer of the port of New York. A plan of this magnitude involves years of time to be consummated, but it is still being encouraged in various ways.

Owing to the limited amount of land available in Berkeley for industrial usage, the Chamber of Commerce has advocated selected industries calling for a high class of skilled workmen making superior products under favorable conditions. They advocate manufacturing plants well and attractively designed, set in gardens and lawns.

The Berkeley Chamber serves the entire community and recognizes the paramount importance of the University and other cultural and educational interests. It has an Art Committee and has worked unceasingly to advance the art interests of the city. It has actively supported the symphony orchestra of the California Music League, the Community Playhouse and various other art activities of the city.

In the future as in the past, the Berkeley Chamber is committed to a broad policy of serving impartially the diversified activities and interests of the city. It is not concerned with exploiting or "boosting" but works determinedly on to make Berkeley a still better city in which to live and work, believing that by so doing its own will come to enjoy the superior conditions thus created.

ALAMEDA MAKES PROGRESS

By C. L. TRAVER, *President*
Alameda Chamber of Commerce



ALAMEDA, the Miami of the Pacific Coast, located on the San Francisco Bay, is the ideal vacation city of the Bay district. Climatic conditions make this an ideal vacation land. The average temperature is very mild, averaging 65 degrees throughout the year, with very little fog and no cold weather.



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The beaches, located all along the south shore, are the greatest vacation attraction. They offer bathing, playgrounds for children, dancing and all manners of amusements. Neptune Beach, the largest, is visited by an average of 20,000 people every Sunday during the season.

The parks, one of Alameda's chief beauties, serve every residential section. Daily attendance averages 2,085 people, the majority being children who seek outdoor amusements and recreation offered so generously by the Park Department.

The new Bayview Highway, connecting Alameda with the back country has just been completed. This is a direct thoroughfare from San Leandro to Alameda and from Alameda to Oakland by way of the new estuary tube, now under construction, or to San Francisco by way of the new direct automobile ferry. The highway passes the new Municipal Golf Course, now nearing completion, also the new Alameda Hotel, connecting with main highways run-

ning north as far as Canada and south to Mexico.

Alameda, because of physical conditions and the city's location on San Francisco Bay, is in a peculiarly advantageous position for the development of a great industrial port. Development of 5,340 acres of tidal lands on the western waterfront, known as the Naval Base site, with slips 1,500 feet in length, served by lines of railroad tracks and highways at a cost of approximately \$10,000,000 is being undertaken by the city. The plans were prepared and studies made by a commission composed of three eminent engineers. The first unit of this plan will cost \$1,800,000, giving 4,500 lineal feet of berthing space, and the five units, when completed, will give 22,000 lineal feet of berthing space and 100 acres of waterfront property.

The entire industrial waterfront of Alameda is served by the Southern Pacific and the Alameda Terminal Belt Line Railway, constructed by the city and now operated jointly by the Western Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads.

Farther up the Estuary, near the High Street Bridge, is a large tract of undeveloped land on deep water, also served by rail. Then looking farther into the future is Bay Farm Island on San Leandro Bay. The city of Oakland has recently purchased some six hundred acres of land there and is planning to use it as a recreation center and air port. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors also has the island under consideration for its air port, which will be the largest in the Bay district.

On the western waterfront of Alameda is a large tract of undeveloped land. Of this, the City Port Commission, advised by the United States Engineers' office says, "The physical conditions and location of this tract are such as to invite a plan of development that will be most attractive to industries and which will with maximum efficiency serve both the industrial and commercial development of the port."

The Boyle Manufacturing Company has recently purchased five and a half acres of industrial land on the waterfront for the erection of a new factory which, when completed, will employ approximately two hundred workers.

Another rapidly growing industry is that of the Saylor's Chocolates, Inc., manufacturers of high grade candy. The plant has made extensive improvements during the past year. The consolidation of their Southern California branch, with the Alameda branch in Alameda became necessary because of the increasing demand for their high grade confection.

The Alaska Packers Association, also located on the estuary, is one of the largest salmon packing concerns in the world. Alameda was selected as a base because of the sheltered winter quarters furnished for its large fleet. The association has just completed a galvanized warehouse at a cost of \$110,000.

The Encinal Terminals Company, after looking over the entire East Bay, found

Alameda the most favorable site for its location. It has plans for the construction of seven more units, such as the two already established. With these improvements, the Encinal Terminals will be the largest terminals in the entire United States.

The new Alameda High School, costing approximately a million and a quarter, was completed this year. It is now occupied and serves as a community center for the city. Its auditorium is used extensively for community affairs, having a seating capacity of 2,300.

The new Alameda Sanatorium is another one of Alameda's new buildings, also completed this year. It is one of the most complete and modern west of Chicago. It is 100 per cent electrically equipped and 100 per cent fireproof, costing \$500,000.

These are but a few of the industrial and recreational activities that make the Encinal City a haven for the summer and winter pleasure seekers and an indispensable "port of call" for the "go-getters" in the business world.

RICHMOND ENTERS GREATEST YEAR

By P. M. SANFORD, *President*
Richmond Chamber of Commerce



THE year 1926 was a great achievement year for Richmond. The new year—1927—looms as a still greater achievement year.

Foundations have been firmly laid for a greater Richmond, greater commercially, industrially and as a home community.



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President, Richmond
Chamber of Commerce

And one of the outstanding achievements of the year 1926 was the bringing together the united citizenship, the progressive citizenship of the community, to work out and support those measures which mean a greater community. Richmond today stands as a unit for those things that mean progress. Harmony such as few communities in America en-

joy is a definite part of commercial, civic and industrial life in Richmond today.

Looking back over the past year one finds several outstanding achievements, accomplishments, all of which indicate that Richmond has now entered upon a period of unprecedented progress.

Building operations in Richmond in 1926, exclusive of the millions spent by the big industrial plants in expansion and improvement programs, have passed the two million dollar mark.

Postal receipts in 1926 were close to \$70,000, a tremendous growth over 1925, which totaled \$60,469.45.

Richmond's community hotel—the New Hotel Carquinez—is an accomplished fact and has been successfully operating from the day it was opened in July.

The new home of the Mercantile Trust Company of California, at Tenth and Macdonald, is about ready for occupancy at this writing.

Work has started on Richmond's new \$600,000 high school in Twenty-third Street, while five grade schools have been built in their entirety or have had notable additions constructed to take care of the attendance growth.

And what is undoubtedly the greatest single accomplishment of 1926, the signing of the Parr lease, whereby the Parr Terminal Company has taken over the operation of Richmond's waterfront facilities for fifty years, is a definite fact today. The Parr lease is in active operation.

As a direct part of this lease is the definite assurance that the Ford Motor Company of Detroit will establish a great plant on the inner harbor, on land purchased from Parr and with a frontage on deep water, provided in dredging operations to start in March by the federal and municipal governments.

But the coming of the Ford plant is only the beginning of an influx of new industries to Richmond which are bound to follow the dredging of 30-foot channels and a great turning basin in the inner harbor, which commands hundreds of acres of valuable industrial sites. And industrial sites in Richmond may be purchased at prices ranging from \$1500 to \$3000 an acre, the cheapest and best industrial sites to be found anywhere in America and offering all the advantages enjoyed by other harbor communities.

The two big railroads, the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific, have gotten together and are pledged to work in harmony for

the development of rail facilities in and about the inner harbor.

It is a fine thing when the Southern Pacific voluntarily moves its proposed tracks into the Ford plant site 1000 to 1500 feet easterly that the Santa Fe might share in their joint use to the ultimate benefit of Richmond's industrial development.

And it is a fine thing when the two railroads agree on the site of a great car storage yard, with a capacity of 150 cars, that the motor plant might not lack car facilities at the moment most needed.

Reviewing the 1926 building record it must be noted that the figures do not include approximately \$1,000,000 which the Standard Pacific Sanitary Manufacturing Company is spending on enlarging its pottery works and its enameling plant; \$300,000 which the Stauffer Chemical Company spent in enlarging its factory; several hundred thousand dollars at the Standard Oil refinery and numerous other building expenditures at other Richmond industrial plants.

And looking ahead in 1927, the Chamber of Commerce sees even greater building activity, supplemented by a full year of inner harbor development, more street development, the providing of new traffic arteries piercing downtown Richmond, the solving of the street car transportation problem in the Mira Vista district, more home building, more business blocks.

Surely Richmond stands at the dawn of a new era in her development as the bright spot on the industrial map of the West.

SAN LEANDRO COMPLETES RECORD YEAR

*By WILLIAM LUCIO, President
San Leandro Chamber of Commerce*



SAN LEANDRO'S remarkable growth during the past five years has been a matter of general comment recently not only in the San Francisco Bay region but throughout the entire State, even extending to the Eastern states, as is evidenced by the inquiries that are being received by the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce.

When a city, within the short period of five years, trebles in population, in post

office receipts, in electric, gas and water consumers, in telephone installations, and more than quadruples in building permits, it naturally stirs comment, for such growth is unusual except in "boom" cities and San Leandro does not belong to that class.

The reasons for this rapid growth are clear when one understands the situation. If you dam a stream of water and then suddenly the dam gives away there is a tre-

mendous onrush of water. If a barrier exists that holds back the growth of population in a city when the demand is great for homes because that city offers unusual advantages and then the barrier is removed, naturally, the influx of people is going to cause a most rapid growth and development.

For years the prosperous owners of large cherry orchards refused to sell their land because of the splendid income they were receiving from their products. The demand for the land became so great that the crops would no longer pay a fair return upon its value. These beautiful estates have been subdivided into high-class residential tracts where hundreds of houses have been and are being built to provide homes for the thousands who would enjoy living in our beautiful "Cherry City" of sunshine, fruit and flowers.

The outlook for San Leandro's future was never so good as at the present. Being a unit of the great San Francisco Bay metropolitan district that has a combined population of over one million people and which is growing at a tremendous rate, naturally our growth will continue.

When one stops to consider the special factors, however, that enter into San Leandro's development, it is easy to see that this city is destined to become one of the large prosperous East Bay cities.

San Leandro is traversed by two transcontinental railroads with transcontinental rates on a parity with Oakland and San Francisco.

There are hundreds of level acres of land along these railroads suitable for manufacturing sites.

There are tremendous advantages offered for deep water development at the waterfront on San Francisco Bay.

Air ports are being considered by two of the largest aeronautical companies, as ideal landings can be made here due to there being but little fog; one large field of about 700 acres already having been pur-

chased nearby.

We are in close proximity to one of the largest agricultural districts in the State.

Last, but not least, we have a climate that is a typical California climate—never too hot or never too cold. Just right!

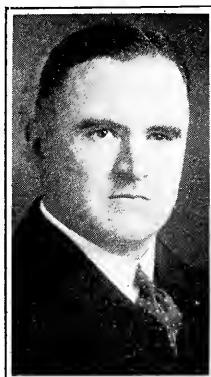
When all these factors are taken into consideration, it is then easy to understand why the wheels of progress in San Leandro will continue to glide along at a most rapid rate, unimpeded, now that the obstructions have been removed.

The tax question is at present one of the most absorbing topics in this country. San Leandro has managed to conduct its city government on a most efficient and economical basis and has kept the city tax rate below one dollar per hundred, which is one of the lowest in the United States.

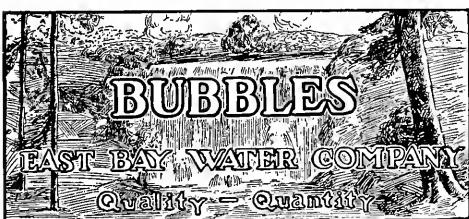
The resident of this city is within easy reach by electric car, auto or bus lines of the hundreds of factories in the East Bay cities as well as accessible at a low commutation rate to San Francisco, yet thousands of our residents find employment within easy walking distance of their homes at such large factories as the Durant, Star and Fageol Motor companies. Here, too, is the home of the famous "Caterpillar" tractor, known and used the world over; the nationally advertised "Del Monte" products, which have become a household word throughout America, are packed in the San Leandro plant of the California Packing Corporation.

The chances are that the wood that surrounds the lead in the pencil you write with was supplied by the Hudson Lumber Company of this city. Here also are the large plants of the H. G. Prince Canning Company, which guarantee a ready market for the products of the orchardist and vegetable growers who till the fertile acres in the "Garden of Eden" which borders on our southern city limits.

San Leandro, to use a commonplace expression, is "setting pretty." The world is making a "beaten path" to her door. To the man who is seeking a home in surroundings most conducive to happiness and prosperity; he who would invest in properties where values will increase, and to the manufacturer seeking a location for his plant where all the factors that enter into his problems of production, distribution and labor are ideal—the San Leandro appeal is irresistible.



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THE FINER METAL

Eight years ago many people thought that never again would the Christmas season have the same meaning to the world. Yet the next year and since that time brotherly love has been the uppermost thought, and the lesson of Verdun, of Ypres and Chateau-Thierry brought home to all of us that Christianity is not a farce and a failure. The world, after boiling in the great crucible of fate, has emerged with far finer metal than we have ever known. All the enemies of life—crime, vice and hate—must pass with the years. Gradually as humanity is simmering, we see more and more of the finer virtues, with ideals being reclaimed and the baser elements eliminated.

Out of the Master Refiner's moulds comes the song of Bethlehem, with greater sweetness, greater richness, greater power, giving to the world "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men!"

A SMILE

The value of a smile is usually underestimated. It costs nothing but creates much. It happens in a flash but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give. None are so rich that they can get along without it and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

A smile creates happiness in the home and is the countersign of friends. It is rest for the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and Nature's best antidote for trouble. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen and is something that is absolutely no good to anyone until it is given away.

If, in the last minute rush of buying, some of the salespeople should be too tired to give you a smile, you can always leave one of yours. No one needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

TOLERANCE

Ill-considered speech often rouses in us unjust prejudice and intemperate action. There is nothing that more fully dwarfs the soul of a man than does the yielding to suspicion. In developing a spirit of control, of tolerance, and of frank yet helpful and constructive criticism, we may be sure that we are putting emphasis upon one of the unchanging essentials to the happiness of the individual.

In the force of our personal example we find the most lasting influence. There are few people who can do their best work in an atmosphere of suspicion. No man receives more confidence than he gives, and few indeed are those times when a sincere confidence is betrayed.

The farther we go along life's journey, the more we realize that in no individual and in no endeavor is perfection ever reached.

THE BEST GIFTS

After the seasonal festivities have subsided and we resume our normal everyday characters again and assume burdens and responsibilities as usual, let us realize that the essential blessings of life with which we have been endowed are the best gifts. Let us learn to use them more wisely. May Christmas time find us not unappreciative of the external features which enrich our lives.

"Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat."

THROUGH the fine, generous spirit of the big Water Company family, we are again able to care for and assist a large number of genuinely worthy cases that have been reported to us. In bringing good cheer into the homes of the unfortunate each year, we often help someone out of the depths to better days.

We held our annual dance on November 27th with Roberta Dolan acting as chairman. On account of limited space we are unable to give individual credit to all those who gave of their time, energy and money toward making the dance a financial success, but as a result of the work twenty-nine families are being taken care of with enough food for a week, shoes, stockings, toys and clothing and a tree. The names were furnished us by the teachers in the schools and an investigation committee reported on every family as to just what was needed. Practical charity does not include

help merely for one day, but throughout the year, and that is the motto of the Club.

The amount realized by the Club this year was \$666.00, and in enjoying your own Christmas holiday be thankful that you have tried to do something worth while in keeping a large number of children in school by furnishing shoes and stockings and clothing, and to know that many of them have been openly voicing their faith in a very munificent Santa Claus.

One may have Christmas in his heart, of course, without a tree, but a small boy would not fully appreciate a circus held in an open lot with no "big top," no tinsel, fancy wagons, fine trappings and bright lights. This year we know that many small kiddies will gather around twenty trees with the entire family on Christmas morning, probably leaving a memory for many of them of their first Christmas tree that some good fairies had left this night.



ROBERTA DOLAN, CHAIRMAN, CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE, GOOD CHEER CLUB
FRANCYS WETHERELL, MARY BROWN AND VERA ASTRA
TRIMMING CHRISTMAS TREES

"BUBBLES" from OUR CORRESPONDENTS

OAKLAND · BERKELEY
ALAMEDA · RICHMOND
CORPORATION YARD

GENERAL OFFICES.—The season's greetings are extended to all employees of the Company.

Paul Daniels enjoyed a two weeks' rest in San Diego and points further south. Bill Jordan also journeyed south, but ask him about his trip and hear him bark and growl.

Arthur Seyler won the pool on the big game—\$18.25.

Roy Clark has a perpetual smile now. A six-pound boy arrived at his home recently.

Bill Wickman is now out of the eligible bachelor class, having announced that he will soon become a benedict. Congratulations.

At the recent convention of the California Section of the American Water Works Association, in San Diego, Mr. Sam Morris of Pasadena was elected President, and Paul E. Magerstadt re-elected Secretary for the ensuing year. The next meeting will be held at San Jose.

Gladys Townsend left the employ of the Company on December first and was married on December fourth. She is now Gladys Neilan and will be glad to see her friends at her Alameda home. Congratulations.

Marjorie Green has been advanced to the position of stenographer. Gladys Cuddy has taken over the work of office clerk.

Clarence Jenkins, our genial head porter, recently sealed 130,000 envelopes for the Red Cross. This was quite a job and much credit is due for the way the work was handled.

Don Porter is contemplating moving to the Sahara Desert. The night of the big storm Don stood out in the rain in his B. V. D.'s. and worked hard to clear the water away from his home.



J. P. FIEBERLING
Correspondent

George Cowell has no desire to be a chainman. He does not like to carry a transit out of the building and he says that from now on the naked eye will serve for all he wants to see.

Neil M. Cecil has been resting at Fabiola Hospital for a short time. Too many gila monsters and too much sand in the Arizona Desert. Anyway, we are glad he is better and back in California again.

George Henderson came up for the big game. He is looking fine and hearty and now has a young football player in his family.

OAKLAND DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICE.—

It won't be so very long now. The office is ticking the days off on its fingers—one by one. There is a general flurry of Christmas lists and more excitement than ever before. No sooner do we recover from the Thanksgiving celebration than Christmas comes galloping up on horseback and once more the fine old bird rests in peace upon the festive board. There were many sorry faces at the office the day after Thanksgiving. In fact, Dorothy Angel hasn't returned yet. She had her tonsils removed and has been a little the worse for wear ever since.

Ralph Hoffman is usurping Catherine's place in the newspapers. He has been bursting into print since he became a golfer of note. He has made quite a name for himself at golf—among other things.

Marty Blote and Isabelle are carrying on an affair. Their familiarity is making them very conspicuous. They have reached the stage of nicknames. Marty calls Isabelle "Skinny" and Isabelle calls him "Fat." Wouldn't that knock you for a loop? Goodness knows how far the affair will have gone by the time this gets to press.

Catherine's father underwent a severe operation but is getting along nicely now.

On the behalf of all of the employees, we wish to extend our most sincere sympathy to Mr. Fieberling in his recent sorrow.

Polly is continuing to get better daily. As usual, she was the very spirit of gener-

osity and bought bales of tickets for the Christmas raffles.

E'Lane's boy friend couldn't come up from Stanford for the dance but that didn't stop her from having the time of her young career.

Elizabeth Vaughn is a new asset to the office. She came a few days ago—for better or worse.

Marie has been wishing for a curly-headed boy for Christmas and there has been a general craning of necks to take a gander at the young Lothario who comes to take her to lunch every day. His name is Bob, which is plenty of recommendation in itself. They didn't make the dance because Marie ate some candy which wasn't so hot.

Fritzie was the belle of the ball and said the party was "just grand."

Beulah's boy friend had his time badly beaten by Ralph Hoffman. Ralph took Beulah home after the dance. Omigosh.

Beulah gave us all hot and cold folding doors by announcing her marriage to Ross. After she had been duly kissed by the male contingent of the office, the ring turned out to be Bobbie's and the whole affair had to be laughed off. We haven't heard tell of Ross for some time, so guess she has given him the shoe.

Since Dot Angel's illness, everyone has been filing cards. Bobbie has requested that Mr. Hunter make an extra special elevation for the files, as it causes her great discomfort to stoop down so low. She had better do a little track work with Bob El-liott and lose an ounce of two. Poor Nor-man has a flat tire and was laid up for a week as a result of his ambitious attempt to become Charlie Paddock's rival.

Marge McDonald is badly smitten by a bee-yoot-i-ful football hero whose name is Fritz.

Paul nearly took a buggy ride in the "Black Maria" as a result of his recent engineer celebration.

The Christmas dance was a great success. The sheckels poured in freely, the music was great and the punch—oh, well—the gayety of the crowd speaks well for the merits of the punch. It was by far the most popular concession of the party. Bobby won the turkey and a beautiful blue and white crystal necklace donated to the raffle by Mrs. Wilhelm.

CENTRAL BILLING BUREAU.—

May the star that gladdened Bethlehem
Shine on our path each year,
To brighten days of toil and care
That others we may cheer. —J. G. L.

The happiest season of the year,
When charity gives a knock at the door,
The girls all get busy and help it some more,
We are wishing and wishing sincere,
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. —L. D.

Instead of row boats we now have steamers,
And the buggies have changed to flivers.
The hats we wore in days of yore,
Would now be snickered at;
But human hearts will never change
As styles and fashions do,
So the good old phrase of olden days
Is the one I wish for you.
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. —L. S.

May peace, health and prosperity abide with
you through the coming year. —H. K.

May joy and comfort greatly bless
Your Christmas time with happiness,
And may your homes be filled with cheer
And sweet content throughout the year. —N. V.

Christmas belles! The East Bay Water Company is full of them and they are sending out
Christmas greetings to all. —E. H.

If all my wishes would come true
To each and every one of you
A Merry Christmas will be due. —A. P.

Though we bubble BUBBLES over, and the years go
bubbling by,
It is water that has fed us; without water we
would die.
So we're soaked to saturation with all our Christ-
mas cheer,
And we wish all employees a Prosperous New
Year. —M. S.

Wishing for all most every good thing,
That this good old world could possibly bring.
—H. M.

Health, happiness, success and good cheer—
May these be yours for the coming year.
—G. H.

May your joys be numerous this Yuletide day.
—H. M.

I couldn't find a better wish,
For friends so kind and true—
So here's a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year, too. —W. S.

I wish I were a poet—
If I were, by gosh, you'd know it;
But since I'm not poetic
(And I always shall regret it),
Here's a wish and lots of cheer
For a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
—R. B.

Here's hoping that in the coming year you will
have much happiness. —E. LeR.

CORPORATION YARD

THE Company's whistling Charleston exponent, "Tang Lefoot" Bernard O'Brien, made a great hit at the Good Cheer Dance. In an effort to invent a new step, O'Brien got both feet off the floor at once and as a result, fell. His latest rise to fame may be attributed to this fall, as it resulted in one of the most unique and original steps yet brought out in the famed Charleston, which was proved by the applause his effort received. He will feature this new step, the Back-to-floor, as he calls it, in his next appearance.

Joey Green was in an uproar again the other day. He washed his overalls and hung them on the fence to dry. It was a windy day, and someone with kindliest intent, nailed them to the fence so they would not blow away, and, as a result, they were still there in the morning. Nothing to get mad about, we should say.

Frank O'Brien came back from Carmel with a lot of luxurious habits. It seems that he can't eat breakfast unless it is served in bed by a butler. He is also a more thoughtful boy than the one who went away. He tells a story of taking a poor little dog out for a walk at 4 a.m.

Marilla Williams shows a keen political insight in making out her ballot. She picks her candidates from their pictures, which goes to prove that even in politics, personal appearance goes a long way.

"Yes dearie, I'll meet you at noon, in front of the Warehouse." Noon came and went, and friend wife sat in the machine patiently waiting, and Charlie Moore never showed up. Charlie's lunch box has been empty ever since and every noon finds him leaning on the rail of some lunch counter.

Frank Pretti, foreman of the turn-off department, says, "If Oakland don't stop growing I will try and get air ships for my East Oakland crew."

Fred Brownell comes to work these mornings with a smile on his face. Can



R. LANGE
Correspondent

you guess why? "It won't be long now."

—Kitchen was at home for a few days taking care of a sick wife. If he is as good a nurse as he is a turn-off man, she should be well in a very short time.

Ray O'Connor suffered a nervous breakdown recently and is still under the doctor's care. "Barney" O'Brien is substituting for him.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"No, dear, I didn't bring any wood home tonight." —Bill Schlenker.

"There was a big fire right near the Yard at quitting time and all the boys went. I was—" —Joey Green, at 4:30 a.m.

"If I was out at San Pablo, I could get you all the mushrooms—" —Shorty Wyman.

"Something you wanted, Joe?" —L. L. Farrell.

"Are you using your car today?" —Howard Hart.

"How's the bank-roll?" —Roy Standiford.

"Now when I was in Carmel—!!!" —Frank O'Brien.

"I gotta one day short on da check." —Any Laborer.

"What are you doing tonight?" —Joe Cotteral.

"Know anybody that's got a quart?" —Bill Flinner.

"Does it cost much to get married?" —Art Perry.

"Huh?" —Harriett Boardman.

"Why, where and when?" —Jessie Wishart.

"What makes these biscuits so heavy?" —Ray Lange.

"How much did you say, Judge?" —Bill Bowers.

"They don't use erasers in the Army." —Carl Forgey.

"This sure smells like pre-war stuff." —Jack Griffin.

"I forgot the lead, Mr. Storer." —Ed Tieslau.

"Here's your three dollars, Frank." —Verda McWeekin.

"Comb your hair—don't be a quail all your life." —Montana Jack Zimmerman.

"Just like I did up on Marin." —Nick Solari.

"Did I ever tell you the time?" —Henry S. S. Buford Gutte.

"There is plenty of room." —B. O'Brien.

"????!!!!---xxxx"?"?"??**...." —Pat Shally.

"Where is that pick-up order?" —P. Porter.

"Where in the—is my tool wagon?" —Leo A. Farrell.

"Where, OH WHERE, is my timekeeper?" —Most Any Foreman.

We tried to get a "last word" for Shotz and Stewart, but no one could remember the last word Shotz said and Stewart was still talking when this went to press.

NOTICE

Girls in Mr. Farrell's Department
take note—
December 25, 1926, will be a holiday!

Speculation ran wild as to what the apparatus was that Frank O'Brien was experimenting with in the street a few days ago. However, it turned out to be a common lawn sprinkler. Had the thing worked as it ought to have done, we probably would have known what it was.

Henry Gutte has been subbing as "turn-off" man in Berkeley during an epidemic of colds in regular crew. Henry claims he did not enjoy the job, but then it is rather tough on a timekeeper to have to work, even for a few days.

December is again with us, boys. Remember, this is the month of broken garage doors and the "gravel rash."

Marilla Williams is vacationing in Los Angeles. We know she is having a good time and trust she will return single.

Harriett Boardman is again with us after having the flu and too much freedom.

THE REAL MUSHROOM KID

You've heard of fishy stories,
And you didn't doubt their word.
But Wyman's mushroom story
Is the best you ever heard.

He told the boys that mushrooms grew
At "Buckeye Ranch" so thick.
That honest, there was hardly room
For one to poke a stick.

At "Buckeye Ranch," I used to live
On mushrooms, more or less,
And often in the still o'night
I'd gather up a mess.

However, boys, I'll get you some,
I'll journey out at dawn,
And have them here by ten o'clock
Next Thanksgiving morn.

So the mushroom fans all waited round,
Their appetites all set.
But as for getting mushrooms—well,
They would be waiting yet.

The alibis that "Shorty" made
I'd need "mush-room" to tell.
Not enough sun—too much "wet"
So mushrooms—he didn't get.

—C. W. Moore.

Can you imagine anyone betting a box of candy, big as a trunk, on a measly sheriff? Well, L. L. F. did! It's bad business, betting with youngsters, but may we add, 'twas enjoyed by all.

Clarkie, Grace and Carolyn have been

faithful to "Ovaltine" for over two months. After guzzling down five cans, they all claim to have lost five pounds, but their faith is still unshaken. Stick with it, gals, just look at LeRoy D. West's chassis.

From all indications, Jack Zimmerman is again contemplating upon matrimony. Besides making pretties for his hope chest, he's betting heavily on football games this season (a dollar a crack)!

Genevieve Agers is now sporting a beauteous Ford coupe, accumulated after opening Dini's dime bank and robbing a peanut wagon. May her troubles be no more than six punctures and a little Miss or Mr.

All the world loves romance and we hear that the big game night proved this—in Carolyn's estimation. Anyhow, he's from wet, wet, Portland, and "awfully cute" we are told.

THE SWAN SONG

Be he gone?
Am he went?
Are I left here all alone?
Oh, cruel fate,
You is unkind,
To take he fore (to L. A.)
An' leave I hind.

Notwithstanding the incessant rain for the past week, one of the junior engineers was overheard to say, with all seriousness, that he thought the next rain would "run off" all right.

Glad that Walter Anderson has returned to work after a few weeks rest, owing to ill health. The boys in the Warehouse especially missed him if only for the growl they get from him.



MR. AND MRS. W. W. WILKINS

They recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. Wilkins has been with the Company since 1909.

BERKELEY DISTRICT

THE Berkeley Office was invited by W. H. Evans to a St. Nicholas Party at the San Pablo Filter Plant a short while ago; Mr. Evans proved himself a wonderful Santa Claus, and, as the old saying goes, "A good time was enjoyed by all." Among those present were chief cook, Tony Muzio, and his able lieutenant, Bill Flinner. Tony's cooking was par excellence; this office consumed approximately 7½ miles of tagliarini, Bill Flinner taking the championship by downing 408 yards in 9 minutes. Later in the evening a silver vegetable dish was presented to the office newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilman. Of course, you know, Madolyn, this will come in mighty handy in case hubby returns in the wee small hours of the morning.

Jack Reilley reports having a wonderful time in Sonoma County a few week-ends ago. He claims that Jack London is all wrong—it should have been named "The Valley of the Moon—Shine." "If you don't believe it, ask Jack Hansen," says Jack.

Craig Snyder, our night clerk, wonders why Adam ever ate that apple.

Zita Dougery, in a husky voice, was heard to remark, "I get a bad cold every year at this time, but I'll get the jump on it next year—even if they do itch, I'll wear them.

Mabel Smith has not been in the best of spirits of late. Word has just been received from Wawona, the home of Mike and Ike, the South American monkeys, that Ike is no more. We are told that Ike spoke out of turn during an argument with a too playful Airedale. Just previous to Ike's untimely demise, the Siamese twins of Monkeyland were to have been christened Bozo and Bimbo. Please omit flowers.

I claim they just can't be pleased. The old war-cry was, "It's awfully cold in here." Since the installation of the new heating system we thought the problem was solved, but now the cry is, "It sure is hot



T. N. CRAFTS
Correspondent

in here." Oh, wurra, wurra!

Mrs. Ray Gilman, nee Madolyn Cooke, the newly-wed, has returned full of smiles. "Boy, married life is the stuff," quotes Madolyn. Ray feels the same way about it, but we understand him as saying that he is getting tired of hamburger every day. Cook books gratefully accepted—and he married a Cook(e) too.

Since many of our BUBBLES correspondents seem to be poetically inclined, here is a contribution for Yuletide from the "College City."

PIECES OF 8

Weep to the tale of Willie T8,
He met a girl whose name was K8,
He courted her at a fearful R8,
And begged her soon to become his M8;
"I would if I could," said lovely K8,
"I pity your lonely, unhappy St8,
But, alas, alas, you've come too L8,
I'm married already and mother of 8."

From evidence gathered around this office of late we find all indications of something resembling a "National Sneeze Week." Whether the time of the year, the change in temperature, or the approach of Christmas has been the cause of the avalanche of coughs, sneezes, sniffles and other signs of discomfort, we don't know. However, from the variety of sounds from low-brow sneezes to the aristocratic "sniffles," we gather that something is radically wrong.

CHRISTMAS PUZZLES

CAN YOU IMAGINE—

Tevis Craft not knowing the latest remedy for this and that?

"Ralphie" Boyd being at work the morning after the night before?

Hodge Meriam not loving Paul?

Hazel "Hoopic" refusing tagliarini?

Craig Snyder balancing?

Smithy not worrying about Bimbo, the only remaining brother of Bozo?

Electa Musgrave finishing night school?

Gertrude Nathanson not gossiping?

"Bill" Heidekker fighting with Electa?

Madolyn Cooke (Oh! I beg her pardon) Gilman without a can opener in the house?

Emily Marengo not asking questions?

Zita Dougery without a hangover?

Marge Hughes getting her sleep at night?

Jack Reilley wishing Jack Reilley, Jr., was a girl?

Jack Hansen refusing anything to eat—or drink?

Walt Stoddard liking his Dodge?

Dick Holroyd not buying Hoop and Electa gum?

ALAMEDA DISTRICT

NOW that the holiday season is upon us and the message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" is being broadcast throughout the land, we, the employees of the Alameda Office, wish for one and all in every division and every department, a very Merry and Glorious Christmas and a most Prosperous New Year.

The closing of the books for the year 1926 marks one more milestone in the history of progress. How fast we have gone or how much has been accomplished can only be realized by taking stock. With this thought in view, a brief sketch of the activities, both of an industrial and civic nature, during the past year will be made.

First of note is the successful financing of the Community Hotel; then the laying out of the Municipal Golf Course on Bay Farm Island; the construction of a new drawbridge over Webster Street; construction work started on the estuary tube; the erection of a building to house the Boyle Manufacturing Company; the completion of the new High School; the addition of a new shipyard; the opening of a new bank; the addition to the Masonic Hall, about completed; the Bay Farm Island road opened to traffic, and a new auto ferry line installed. Besides these major improvements many additions to buildings were made and the usual number of homes were constructed. Taking it all in all, progress has been very satisfactory, and the coming year will be full of activity if this rate of growth is to be equalled.

Included in the above, mention should be made of Alameda's new Medical Building, which has been completed and is now occupied by some of the leading physicians

Thelma Nordlund, who resigned her position, is now occupying time commuting between Alameda and Oakland. Her fellow employees wish Thelma every success in her new field of endeavor and extend



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an invitation to drop in any time and renew acquaintances.

Due to changes made necessary by the resignation of Thelma Nordlund, Ada Rogers is now occupying the desk formerly held by Miss Nordlund, while Mildred Dow has been employed as part-time clerk.

The Good Cheer Club is to be congratulated upon the success of its annual dance and fair, which was held on the second floor of the Oakland Office building. Many choice prizes were captured by holders of the lucky tickets, while those who lost, cheerfully tried again and again, knowing full well that their loss was charity's gain and that somebody's Christmas would be just a little merrier for it.

Of course it is really difficult to find anybody nowadays who believes that there is a Santa Claus. However, there are so many astonishing things going on that it is not so surprising to find that many persons are going to hang up their stockings this Christmas, and who knows but Santa will ride in on a radio wave and present them with their favorite wish. One good thing about this is that it costs nothing to try (Scotchmen, take notice), so all the girls in our office have incorporated their wishes in a neat little poem which is given below.

As it has from year to year,
Christmas time is drawing near,
Bringing with it Chistmas cheer,
To the ones we love most dear.

To us all there is one thing,
P'rhaps an auto or a ring;
But there's one, by name Miss King
A fur coat Santa must bring.

And now to Miss Rogers, well,
There are things some folks won't tell;
But the stores will always sell
Things to make the hope chest swell.

Mildred Dow is funny? Say,
She doesn't care what you pay;
Anything that strays her way—
Last year's gifts will fill the play.

And now at this time of year,
We wish to all with a cheer,
A Merry Christmas most sincere,
And to all—Happy New Year.

All are very modest requests, indeed, and it would be a shame should these girls be obliged to register disappointment on Christmas morning.

RICHMOND DISTRICT

THIS is the time of the year when we inevitably find ourselves seized by the “Spirit of Christmas.” It seems to be everywhere: in the air and in the hearts and souls of men. Kindly feelings toward others, the spirit of giving, and the use of holly and mistletoe are the things that set this day distinctly apart from all others. And without the Christmas tree and Santa Claus for the little ones, the day would be incomplete and lose much of its deeper meaning to the older folks.

We expect Santa Claus to bring us a Christmas present in the way of improvements in our office. Additional space will provide for the enlarging of the main portion of the office, a storeroom and ladies' rest room.

It's going to be a wet winter if the November record continues for the next few months. Everyone seemed glad to see the season start with such earnestness.

Members of the Richmond Office and their friends enjoyed the party recently given by the Good Cheer Club. The efforts of the young ladies who handled the affair were keenly expressed in the delightful success of the evening.

Construction of the \$600,000 Richmond Union High School has been started and actual work is now in progress under the supervision of the contractor, Carl Overaa, the successful bidder for the construction of the new edifice. The new school is to be located on a twenty-acre tract of land, recently purchased by the High School Board, and faces Twenty-third Street, just north of Tulare Street. It will be of the one-story Spanish type architecture and includes an auditorium accommodating 1800, cafeteria seating 600 at one time, separate gymnasiums for boys and girls, and sixty classrooms to take care of the present demand. The athletic field will include track, baseball diamond and football gridiron. The buildings were designed by Architect Lewis Stone, of Berkeley, and



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when completed by January 1, 1928, will represent one of the finest plants of its kind in the State.

With the conclusion of the football season, the Water Company's varsity eleven (eleven meter readers) are found to be very proficient in the use of signals. It is quite common to hear them saying: 24—2317—19x20 or 23—2817—X25, which we presume they understand, but to those who have to handle these accounts, it's a problem.

Work of installing the new twelve-inch line on San Pablo Avenue, from Potrero to Macdonald Avenue, is about finished. The completion of this job adds an important artery to our local system.

With the recent acquisition of the Richmond Annex territory to the city of Richmond, we were about to transfer several hundred tap records from Contra Costa County to Richmond records. This will, however, now have to be delayed until the legality of the election has been decided. Application has been made to Attorney-General Webb, by a resident of Richmond Annex, to file suit in the name of the State to determine the validity of the annexation election. The application alleges that three persons voted who did not live in the territory to be annexed. It is still a question whether this district is to stay as a part of Richmond or to join El Cerrito or to remain in “No Man's Land.”

The citizens of Richmond feel that they are the recipients of two very important Christmas gifts, as they come at this particular time of the year. These are the successful leasing of the entire waterfront properties to the Parr Terminal Company under a fifty-year lease, and the final consummation of the deal locating the plant of Ford Motor Company here. The latter covers a purchase of sixty-two acres of land on the waterfront. These two important transactions mean a greater industrial expansion for our city.

With the close of the year we are sure that Foreman George Pleich feels that he has accomplished something of which a man should be proud. He is now a citizen of the United States. George extends Christmas greetings to all.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year to all.

A World Worth Knowing



To find new gladness
In the Christmas story,
New sweetness in the
Herald Angels' Hymn,
To know new wonder that the
King of Glory
Should come to earth,
The Babe of Bethlehem,
And with a heart refreshed
And warmly glowing,
To trace new beauty
In life's common way,
And feel this world of men,
A world worth knowing,
Is to enjoy a
Blessed Christmas Day!



